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Athens, Tennessee

Driver Escapes Injury After SUV Crashes Down Embankment in Englewood

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A single-vehicle crash Friday afternoon sent first responders to the scene after a 2003 Suzuki Grand Vitara that left the roadway on South Amhurst Place at McCroskey Street around 1:30 p.m.

According to reports, the driver lost control of the

vehicle, which went over the curb, down a steep embankment, and struck both a tree and a utility pole before coming to a stop.

Assisting at the scene were the Englewood Police Department, Englewood Rural Fire Department, Athens Utilities Board (AUB), and AMR. The driver told authorities he was not injured and declined medical transport.

The crash remains under investigation by THP Sgt. Gordon Roberts.

Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department.

Community News You Can Use

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- The Meigs Decatur Friends of the Library will host local author Kody Knight on Saturday, October 25, at noon at the Decatur Library, 120 E. Memorial Drive. Knight will discuss his novel "The Legend of Jesse Calder" and have copies available for signing and purchase. The event is free and open to the public, with light refreshments to follow.
- The Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution will hold a Patriot's Grave Marking Ceremony honoring Captain John Hardin Hambright, a Revolutionary War veteran, on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at 10 a.m. at Hambright Cemetery, 880 County Road 950 (Hiwassee Road), Calhoun. The public is invited to attend this patriotic event featuring tributes and wreath presentations celebrating Captain Hambright's service at the Battle of Kings Mountain. Please bring a chair; in case of rain, the ceremony will move to Hiwassee Acres, 900 County Road 950. To present a wreath, RSVP at amer250clevelandtn@gmail.com.



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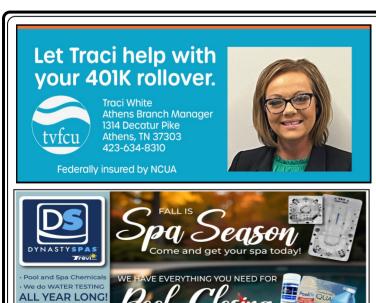
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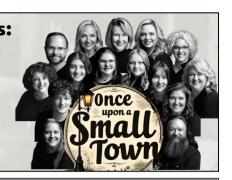


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TWU Pledge Continues to Make College More Affordable for Tennessee Students



Tennessee Wesleyan University is continuing its effort to make higher education more accessible through the TWU Pledge, a last-dollar tuition scholarship that allows qualifying Tennessee students to attend tuition-free.

The program covers remaining tuition costs for HOPE Scholarship-eligible freshmen whose families earn \$50,000 or less in adjusted gross income, ensuring that financial barriers don't stand in the way of a college education.

The TWU Pledge has already helped many students earn their degrees without the stress of mounting tuition bills. Students say the scholarship has eased financial pressure and allowed them to focus more on academics and campus life.

University leaders say the TWU Pledge reflects Tennessee Wesleyan's mission to make quality, life-changing education accessible to all Tennesseans. *Source: Chrisi Jackson, TWU*

Combine Fire Destroys Cab in Niota Field



Fire crews responded to a farm equipment fire late Thursday afternoon after a 1988 John Deere combine caught fire while harvesting soybeans along Highway 307 in Niota.

The operator initially extinguished the blaze with a fire extinguisher after a wiring harness inside the cab caught fire around 5:30 p.m., but the flames reignited before fire-fighters arrived. When crews reached the scene, the cab was fully engulfed.

Englewood Rural Fire, Athens Rural Fire, and Niota Rural Fire departments responded, with Englewood Fire Chief Billy Roach overseeing the operation.

Photo courtesy of Englewood Rural Fire Chief Lynn Ingram.











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Athens, Tennessee

Driver Injured After Sun Glare Causes Crash Near Niota

(with attribution)



A Saturday morning crash near Niota sent one driver to the hospital after her vehicle left the roadway on County Road 361 around 8:30 a.m.

According to reports, the driver of a 2013 Kia Soul was temporarily blinded by

sunlight as she met an oncoming vehicle and ran off the road. She was treated at the scene and transported by AMR to Sweetwater Hospital.

Responding agencies included Niota Rural Fire, Englewood Rural Fire, and Athens Rural Fire, with Niota Rural Firefighter Travis Newberry commanding the scene. The incident is under investigation by THP Trooper Travis Ryans.

Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department.

Claxton Firefighters Conduct Safety Training at McMinn County Airport



Members of the Claxton Fire Department gathered at the McMinn County Airport Saturday morning for hands-on training focused on emergency preparedness.

Firefighters identified the locations of hydrants and the airport's emergency fuel shutoff systems to ensure a rapid response in the event of an emergency.

The exercise was part of the department's ongoing efforts to strengthen coordination and safety readiness.

Photos by Kayne Watkins, Public Information Officer for Claxton Fire Department.





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Athens, Tennessee

McMinn County Arrest Reports

10-16-25

Brittany Russell, 32 of Cleveland, charged with state violation of probation.

Brittany McMillan, 29 of Englewood charged with domestic assault, Bond \$1,000

Anthony Lawrence, 40 of Athens, charged with failure to appear for driving on a suspended license, Bond \$1,000

<u>10-17-25</u>

Isaiah Farrer, 24 of Englewood, charged with burglary of a motor vehicle, theft of property over \$1000, and fraudulent use of a credit card.

James Martin, 45 of Niota, charged with casual exchange possession of meth.

Michael Duckworth, 62 of Sweetwater, charged with legend drugs, manufacturing, selling, delivery, or possession of meth and hydrocodone and drug paraphernalia.

Keith Roberts, 46 of Athens, charged with manufacturing, sale, delivery or possession of meth, possession of legend drugs and drug paraphernalia.

Colby Mason, 39 of Cleveland, charged with casual exchange possession of meth, simple possession casual exchange of schedule VI.

Heather Robinson, 33 of Etowah, charged with domestic assault, Bond \$1,000

Aaron Tilley, 37 of Loudon, charged with state violation and probation for a criminal simulation.

Kishan Robinson, 20 of Athens, charged with aggravated burglary and felony vandalism, Bond \$17,000

Samantha Latham, 51 of Rockford, Tennessee, charged with violation of probation for driving on a revoked license, Bond \$4,104.85

Earl Ludwick, 47 of Cleveland, charged with Schedule VI, Schedule II meth, and driving on suspended license.

Those accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered using public sources.



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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

Samuel Frederick "Sam" Brady, 73, passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 16. He was a proud graduate of the University of Tennessee, earning a degree in Dairy Production. Sam was a devoted member of New Beginnings Baptist Church. A funeral service will be conducted 2:00 pm on Monday, October 20. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends at the church from 12:00-2:00 pm Monday prior to the service. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is honored to serve the family of Samuel Fredrick "Sam" Brady.

Emma Jennings, 85 of Decatur, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family. A faithful member of First Baptist Church of Decatur, Emma's life was a reflection of her deep love for the Lord and the people around her. A graveside service will be conducted, 1:00 pm, Monday, October 20 at Cottonport Cemetery. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is honored to serve the family of Emma Jennings.

Douglas Ross Redman, 60, passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 16. Douglas was a general contractor in the residential construction industry. The funeral service will be held at Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services on Monday, October 20, at 7:00 PM. Visitation will also take place from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on October 20, at the Funeral Home prior to the service. A committal service will take place at Walnut Grove Cemetery on Tuesday, October 21, at 11:00 AM. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Redman family.

Tressia Works Totherow, age 68 of Etowah, died at home on Saturday, October 18, 2025, surrounded by her family. She was a native of Cleveland, TN. Funeral services will be 1 PM Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at Ziegler Funeral Home with burial to follow in Delano Cemetery. The family will receive friends Tuesday, October 21, 2025 from 12:00 pm until 1:00 pm, prior to the funeral service at Ziegler Funeral Home.



