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Athens, Tennessee

Two-Vehicle Crash on Highway 68 Sends One to Hospital



A two-vehicle crash Tuesday evening just after 5:00 p.m. on Highway 68 near County Road 286 left one person hospitalized, authorities said.

According to officials, a 2009 BMW traveling north and a 2007 Lincoln heading south collided nearly head-on. Each vehicle had a single occupant. The driver of the Lincoln sustained minor injuries, while the BMW driver was transported to a local hospital after being extricated by firefighters.

Responding to the scene were the North McMinn and Niota Fire Departments, the McMinn County Sheriff's Department, AMR, and the Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP). Assistant Fire Chief Cody Millsaps served as incident command, and Trooper Caleb Ballard is leading the investigation.

Photos by David Prater, Niota Rural FD

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Good Faith Clinic Open TODAY



The Good Faith Clinic will be open **TODAY**, Thursday, October 30 at 3 p.m. for refills and at 3:30 p.m. for doctor visits.

The Good Faith Clinic is free primary health care for residents of McMinn and Meigs counties, for ages of 18-64, who do not have any form of medical insurance, including TennCare. The clinic meets on the campus of Christ Community Church at 18 S Congress Parkway in Athens.

*REMINDER: The Good Faith Clinic is open the 2nd, 4th, and 5th, **Thursdays** of each month.*

Source: Norma Barham, Good Faith Clinic

Community News You Can Use

- Athens Utilities Board crews will be replacing the existing anode bed at Veterans Park on Sunset Avenue on Tuesday, Nov. 4th. This work is expected to take most of the day. The park will remain open during this process, but please be aware there will be construction equipment and crews working in the area. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we complete this necessary maintenance to keep our system operating safely and efficiently.
- The City of Athens Police Department will be handing out candy to trick-or-treaters on Friday, Oct. 31 from 5:30–9:00 PM — while supplies last. Come say hi and stay safe! The event will take place at the City of Athens Police Department located at 815 N. Jackson St.



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Truck Overturns on County Road 969 in Delano; Passenger Slightly Injured



A single-vehicle crash Tuesday morning around 10:30 a.m. left one person with minor injuries after a 2006 Dodge Ram 1500 overturned on County Road 969.

According to officials, the driver lost control of the truck, which left the roadway and flipped onto its side. The passenger sustained a slight injury but did not require medical transport. Etowah Rural Fire Department and AMR responded to the scene, while THP Trooper Travis Ryans investigated the accident.

Photo courtesy of Etowah Rural Fire Department.

New Chamber Member Celebrates Ribbon Cutting



A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Ables Exterior Solutions, specializing in roofing and guttering. Cy Ables is licensed and insured. Contact him at 865.801.1448. Chamber friends joining the celebration and pictured here are Stephanie Devine, State Representative Mark Cochran, Cy Ables (Owner, Ables Exterior Solutions), Kristen Ables, Stacey Hester (Chamber Diplomat), Nathan Coleman. Back: Garret Frye (Fleischmann Field Rep.), Lisa Becker, Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO).



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McMinn County Arrest Reports

10-28-25

Tina Headden, 45 of Athens, charged with failure to appear in Loudon County.

Tyler West, 33 of Etowah, charged with violation of probation for possession of fentanyl, Bond \$3,000

Troy Tietz, 53 of Riceville, charged with aggravated domestic assault Bond \$15,000

Jeremy Long, 47, of Athens, charged with domestic assault. Bond \$1,000

Those accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Information gathered using Public Sources.

Obituaries

Laura Lamb, 41 of Athens, passed away on Friday, October 24. An avid reader, Laura found joy in the pages of countless books, exploring different worlds and ideas that fueled her imagination and spirit. Laura's legacy of love, kindness, and support will continue to resonate through the lives she touched. Visitation was held Tuesday October 28, from 12:00-2:00, burial followed at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Good Samaritan Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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