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Firefighters, Paramedics Rescue Victim from Englewood House Fire



Fire departments responded to a structure fire on North Amhurst Place in Englewood around 3 p.m. Monday.

An AMR ambulance traveling south on N. Amhurst Place came upon the scene and was informed that someone was trapped inside the burning home. Without hesitation, AMR Paramedic Chris Weddington and AEMT Keith Jeskee entered the structure, pulled the victim to safety, and began advanced life-saving treatment. The patient was later transported to UT Medical Center in Knoxville.

The home sustained heavy fire damage in the utility room, with significant heat and smoke damage throughout the rest of the structure. Tragically, 16 dogs perished in the fire.

Responding agencies included Englewood Rural Fire Department, Etowah Rural Fire Department, Athens City Fire Department, Madisonville City Fire Department, Englewood Police Department, and Athens Utilities Board (AUB). Englewood Rural Fire Chief Billy Roach was in command of the scene.

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Pie Hound Pizza Company Joins Athens Chamber



A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Pie Hound Pizza Company, located in at 13 East Madison St. Pie Hound will be opening soon in downtown Athens. Follow them on Facebook for more information. Shown here are chamber and business representatives, family members, staff and the owner of Pie Hound Pizza Company, Kit Housley.

Community News You Can Use

- E.K. Baker 8th Grade is having a Chili Supper and Singo fundraiser at E.K. Baker School Friday, November 15 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. This fundraiser is helping to pay for the class trip to Orlando. Cost of the Supper and Singo event is \$10, and additional donations are always appreciated.
- McMinn County Senior Activity Center will be hosting a Christmas Bazaar and crafts fair featuring many unique vendors this coming **Saturday, November 15 from 9am - 2pm**. There will be photo opportunities with Santa.
- The Athens City Schools Board of Education will hold the November Work Session on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at the Administration Building beginning at noon.
- The Good Faith Clinic will be open **TODAY**, Thursday, November 13 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, with 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 will be operating on a different holiday schedule through December.*





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Meet the Writer and Director of "Once Upon a Small Town"



The City of Sweetwater is celebrating its 150th anniversary in style with the original musical "Once Upon a Small Town," written and directed by Josh Isaac.

Isaac, who grew up in Middle Tennessee, moved to Sweetwater in 2021 with his wife, Lindsey. He currently serves as the Sweetwater Main Street Director, and together, the couple are youth pastors at Sweetwater First Assembly. They share their home with two beloved pets, Elvira and Elvis.

With a strong background in music and theater, Isaac has performed at venues across Tennessee and around the country. Before moving to Sweetwater, he operated his own theater company and continues to share his passion for the arts as one of the Tennessee state coordinators for the Assemblies of God Fine Arts program, which helps teens develop their creative talents.

"Once Upon a Small Town" marks Isaac's eighth full-length musical. Written specially to honor Sweetwater's 150th celebration, the production weaves true local stories into a lighthearted, heartwarming show that captures the spirit of the community.

Showtimes:

- November 14 & 15 at 6 p.m.
- November 21 & 22 at 6 p.m.
- November 22 matinee at 1 p.m.

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McMinn County Arrest Reports

11-11-25

Lloyd Jackson, 34 of Athens, charged with state violation of probation for aggravated assault, theft of property, identity theft by use of another's information, Bond \$5,000.

Adeen Kilpatrick, 21 of Riceville, charged with Assault, and domestic assault, Bond \$2,000.

Thomas Wilson, 41 of Cleveland, charged with failure to appear in Hamilton County.

Jimmy Crisp, 43 of Decatur, charged with Schedule II Meth for Resale, and Schedule II Fentanyl for Resale.

James Katko, 21 of Sweetwater, charged with drug paraphernalia, DUI, and prohibited weapons, Bond \$6,000.

Tiffany Rameen, 45 of Decatur, charged with burglary, and introduction of contraband into a penal facility, Bond \$60,000.

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

Information gathered using Public Sources.

City of Athens Finance Dept. Awarded

The City of Athens, TN and its Finance Department headed by Mike Keith have been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for its annual comprehensive financial report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. This marks the 33rd consecutive year the City of Athens has received this distinguished honor.

The Certificate of Achievement represents the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. To receive this award, the City must produce a report that is easily readable, efficiently organized, and satisfies many requirements, standards, and principles. The City's report was reviewed by an impartial panel of judges that included individuals with experience in public sector accounting such as auditors, accountants, and other finance professionals. Out of 345 municipalities in Tennessee, Athens is among only 30 to earn this prestigious recognition.

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Obituaries

David Frances Wilkins, 66 of McMinn County, passed away on Wednesday, November 12. He played football for McMinn County High School in 1975. He also enjoyed building race cars in his spare time. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of David Frances Wilkins.

Paul Derrick "Dough Belly" 72 of Englewood, TN passed away on Tuesday, November 11 at his residence. Paul retired from Johns Manville after 38 years of employment. He was a deacon at First Baptist Church of Englewood. Funeral services will be held at 6:00 p.m., Sunday, November 16 at First Baptist Church, Englewood. The family will receive friends from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., Sunday prior to the service. Family and friends will assemble at 10:00 a.m., Monday, November 17 at the funeral home and proceed to Mars Hill Cemetery for the 11:00 a.m. committal service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Anita Gale Gaines, 64 of Spring City, passed away unexpectedly at her home on Monday, November 10. A lifelong resident of Spring City and a woman of strong Baptist faith, Anita lit up every room she entered. A visitation will be held on Wednesday, November 19th, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home in Athens. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Anita will be remembered for her boundless love, kindness, and the light she brought into the lives of everyone she met. Companion Funeral Home & Cremation Service of Athens will handle the arrangements.

Betty J. Franklin, 78 of Greenback, died Wednesday, November 12, after suffering from Alzheimer's dementia. She was a resident of the memory care unit at Foothills Transitional Care & Rehabilitation in Maryville. Betty was a graduate of Porter High School in Wildwood, TN, and attended the University of Tennessee. She enjoyed music, reading and visiting the Smoky Mountains. She will be interred beside her husband in the Veterans Garden of Honor at Grandview Cemetery in Maryville. No services are planned. Companion Funeral Home & Cremation Service of Athens, will handle the arrangements.

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