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Athens, Tennessee

Car Rolls into Athens Regional Park Lake



On Thursday, April 18, the driver of a Mazda sedan at Athens Regional Park, exited their vehicle without engaging their vehicle's transmission into Park. The vehicle rolled forward over the cement parking bumper and drifted down the hill, cutting across the walking trail until splashing into the fishing pond. No one was hurt or injured and the vehicle has since been removed from the lake. Photo submitted by Larry Eaton.

MVA Congress Pkwy & Dennis St

- On April 22, 2024, at approximately 6:54 am officers of the Athens Police Department responded to an MVA with injuries at the intersection of Congress Parkway at Dennis Street. Upon officers' arrival they observed there had been a two-vehicle collision between a Ford Taurus and a Dodge Pickup truck. Athens Fire Department and EMS worked to extricate the victims from the vehicle. Three of the four occupants of the Taurus were transported by AMR to Starr Athens Hospital for injuries and the fourth occupant of the Taurus was transported via Lifestar to Erlanger Children's Hospital with life-threatening injuries. The driver of the pickup was transported via private vehicle for medical treatment. This remains an active investigation. Anyone who might have witnessed the crash is asked to contact the Athens Police Department at 423-744-2730..

Community News You Can Use

- The LITE House will host a workshop for the NEST, a women's networking group, on April 24th from 8:30 – 9:30 am. The featured guest speaker will be Allie Schrenker from the Company Lab (Co.Lab) in Chattanooga. With a background in professional rugby and a Master's in Entrepreneurship, Allie brings a unique perspective to Customer Discovery and Conversations. Learn how to start, scale, and expand your business from someone who knows that no dream is unreachable. Take advantage of this inspiring session! Register for the event [HERE](#).
- Looking for a fun and educational activity for your kids? Look no further! Join the Etowah Carnegie Library for children's story time every Tuesday at 3:30 pm. For more information, call (423) 263-9475 or visit online at www.etowahlibrary.com

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Obituaries

Anna Powers Farmer, 86 of Ten Mile, passed away on April 17. Anna was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She was involved in the Meigs County Historical Society and served as a poll worker during elections. The family of Anna Powers wishes to extend their sincere thanks to the staff from Adoration Hospice. A Graveside Service will be held at 11:00 am today, Tuesday, April 23rd in the Walnut Grove Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

MVA on County Road 480 in Englewood



Around 12:30 pm on Sunday, April 21, the driver of a 2002 Honda Accord lost control on County Road 480 in Englewood going down an embankment and overturning into a stream. The driver and passenger escaped the car through the back window with the driver sustaining minor injuries, but refused medical assistance. Englewood Rural Fire Department responded along with investigating THP Officer Eric Diaz. Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department

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AUB Water Line and Hydrant Flushing

Athens Utilities Board (AUB) will conduct water line and fire hydrant flushing throughout the city from Monday, April 22, to Friday, April 26. This process, typically done at night, will now occur during the day, starting at 8 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m., weather permitting. AUB spokesperson Amy McDonald highlighted the benefits of this shift, including reduced disruption for customers, enhanced crew safety, and cost savings.

"We've tried several different start times, and it looks like doing this during the day has great benefits in less disruption for our customers, better safety for our crews, and it saves money by not having to pay so much overtime," McDonald said. "By using only water personnel, disruptions to other divisions will also be minimized."

Flushing, an essential preventive maintenance measure, ensures year-round access to clean, sediment-free water. AUB crews will systematically flush different sections of the system each weekday, expelling sediment and stale water from main lines. Residents may experience intermittent low water pressure and slightly cloudy water during and after the flushing process. AUB advises against washing clothes during these times to avoid potential discoloration due to sediment. To minimize environmental impact, sodium thiosulfate is used to neutralize chlorine in the discharged water.

Etowah Commissioner James and Son Accused of Illegal Hunting



In a story initially covered by Sam Talley of NewsChannel9, an Etowah city commissioner is confronting three misdemeanor charges after being accused of engaging in an illicit turkey hunt alongside his underage son, as outlined by authorities from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA). According to an affidavit dated April 2024, John James and his 13-year-old son were allegedly involved in the unauthorized harvesting of a male wild turkey around April

8th, 2023. TWRA investigators obtained a warrant to search James' cellphone on January 19th, 2024, and subsequently extracted data from the device on January 19th and 20th. Information retrieved from James' phone, including images, messages, and location data, suggests that the hunt took place near Calhoun, Tennessee, on property owned by Wright Brothers Construction Company, where they lacked permission to hunt. As a result, James is facing charges of hunting without permission, illegal possession of big game, and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. This is not the first instance where James has been accused of unlawful hunting practices, as he previously faced charges from TWRA officials in January of the same year for similar offenses, including hunting without permission and violating hunting regulations.



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WYXI Radio LIVE in the Friendly City



On Wednesday, April 17, members of the WYXI Radio staff, were asked to present before the Leadership McMinn program members. They led a short presentation covering the history of WYXI Radio from its inception in 1966 to the present day. Station Co-Owner, Mark Lefler, gave a first-person view of what radio broadcasting was like since the beginning of his career at the age of 15. He spoke of his partnership with long-term friend and radio legend, the late Bob Ketchersid, and how he used to run the station broadcasts. Current host of the Trading Post Radio Show (Live on Weekday Mornings from 8:30 - 9:30), J.P. Vasquez, led a discussion about the station's current offerings as well as discussing the community benefits of the Morning Fax publication and how it helps local businesses to establish themselves. Account Representative Stephanie Devine discussed the potential advertising benefits for small and large businesses compared to other advertising methods in the local area. On Saturday at the Walk Run Pedal Jamz Festival at Athens Regional Park, Stephanie and J.P. were invited on stage to help with drawings as well as introduce some of the musical performers. WYXI Radio has started expanding their offerings including live remote broadcasts with local businesses and events. For more information on how to partner with the station for promotion of your event, business or to book a Live Remote Broadcast, contact Stephanie Devine, Account Sales Representative, at 423-462-5309. WYXI Radio is *"The Friendly Voice of the Friendly City"* Athens' Home for Southern Gospel Music broadcast over FREE terrestrial radio on FM-94.5 and AM-1390. Photo Courtesy of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce.