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Sheriff Warns of McMinn Co. Phone Scam

McMinn County Sheriff Joe Guy is alerting the public about a phone scam in which a caller, falsely identifying himself as "David Freeman with the McMinn County Sheriff's Office," demands payment of a "fine" to avoid jail time.

Sheriff Guy emphasized that there is no such officer employed by the department and that law enforcement agencies will never call individuals to request payment of fines.

Residents are urged to hang up immediately if they receive such a call and to contact their local police department or the sheriff's office to verify the legitimacy of the call, which is likely a scam.

"Don't be a victim. Hang up and call us!" Sheriff Guy advised. **Source:** [Sheriff Joe Guy - Facebook](#)

Incident on Hwy 411 in Englewood



Around 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, a 2022 Dodge Ram 3500 snagged a large communication cable on Highway 411 North at County Roads 508 and 516 in Englewood. The incident brought down two power poles and several high-voltage power lines, sparking a fire that burned approximately one acre.

The accident led to the closure of Highway 411 for about three hours as crews from Athens Utilities Board (AUB) worked to restore the damaged poles and lines. Firefighters from Englewood Rural Fire and Etowah Rural Fire Departments responded to extinguish the fire.

Additional agencies involved included AMR, the Englewood Police Department, the McMinn County Sheriff's Department, and Tennessee Highway Patrol Trooper Logan Ballew, who is leading the investigation.

Source/Photo: Etowah Rural Fire Department

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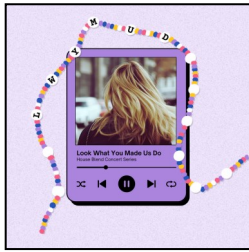
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AACA House Blend Concert Series Begins



Athens Area Council for the Arts (AACA) is excited to open the 2024-25 House Blend Concert Series with "Look What You Made Us Do" on Friday and Saturday September 13 & 14, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Directed by Traci McKenzie, this tribute concert takes the audience on a sonic tour through all the eras of Time magazine's woman of the year with deep cuts and fan favorites brought to life by regional vocalists. Friday September 13 is Family Night when radio edit versions will be performed.

Vocalists include local favorites Miah Baker, Raegan Graves, Crystal Hall, Lindsey Kimball, Alex Lauterbach, Emerson McKenzie, Kinslee Melhorn, and Emma Stratton. They will be backed up by The Arts Center's House Band, September Song.

All House Blend Concert Series shows are in the Sue E. Trotter Black Box Theater at The Arts Center. Prices for House Blend tickets range from \$17.50 to \$22.50. All

tickets include catered refreshments. Refreshments are available starting 30 minutes before show time.

All AACA programs are supported by premiere sponsors Edward Jones of Athens, Tennessee Valley Authority, Willsonthropic, Inc. and Mintie C. Willson, and Wolfenden Family Pharmacies. Additional support comes from presenting sponsor Friendly City Festivals.

All other sponsors are recognized on AACA's website.

More information about AACA programs is available at athensartscouncil.org, or over the phone at 423-745-8781. Staff is available via phone, or in person, at The Arts Center. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The Arts Center is located in Historic Downtown Athens, Tennessee, in the Main Street District, at 320 North White Street.

**Source: Lauren Brown - Executive Director
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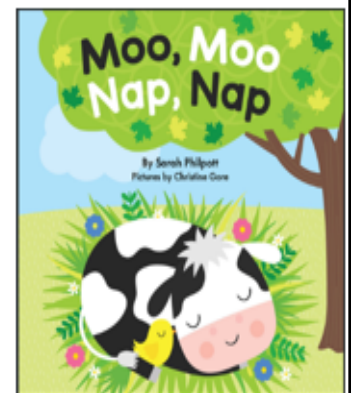
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Lee Awards Cleveland State GIVE Grant



Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee announced recipients of the Governor's Investment in Vocational Education (GIVE) grant program, which prioritizes learning opportunities in rural counties and enhances career and technical education statewide. This third round of GIVE grants will allocate \$41 million to foster regional partnerships between Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology (TCATs), community colleges and local industries. Cleveland State Community College (CSCC) was awarded \$450,000 for their project titled: "ACT Now: Apprenticeships in Careers and Trades." Since creating GIVE, Gov. Lee's first legislative priority, has invested \$91.5 million into the program to support workforce development through technical education. The first and second rounds of GIVE funding in 2019 and 2021 served an estimated 15,500 students. The third round of GIVE grants will fund 23 projects statewide. The 23 funded projects will impact 47 counties, including 6 economically distressed and 13 at-risk counties.

Source: TN Governor's Office



Obituaries

Sandy (Lefler) Trisch, 57 of Riceville, originally from Saginaw, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, August 24 at home. She worked for Walmart for many years. Her favorite place to visit was Pigeon Forge and Tybee Island, Georgia. A Celebration of Life will take place in Sweetwater, Tennessee and a later date in Michigan. She will be laid to rest in Roselawn Cemetery in Saginaw, Michigan. Funeral Arrangements made by Good Samaritan Funeral Home, Athens.

City Council Meeting

Notice is hereby given to all residents of Athens, TN and to all persons interested, that a called meeting of the Athens City Council will be held at the Athens Municipal Building (Burkett Witt Council Chambers) located at 815 N. Jackson Street, Athens, starting at 9 a.m. on Friday, August 30. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the employment agreement between the City and Dr. Randall Dowling and to discuss, authorize, and approve all matters related to his hiring.



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