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Man Charged with Threatening Sweetwater Hospital



A man has been charged for making threats of mass violence against Sweetwater Hospital last Thursday, according to authorities. Officers responded to the hospital following

a phone call in which a bomb threat was made, along with threats to shoot individuals at the facility. The suspect, Vernon Knode, was apprehended by the Chattanooga Police Department after officers and detectives traced his location, according to a spokesperson for Sweetwater Police. "We want to reassure our community that the safety of our citizens is our top priority, and threats of this nature are taken extremely seriously," said Sweetwater Police Sergeant Kelvin Franco. "We would like to extend our gratitude to the Sweetwater Hospital Association, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, and Chattanooga Police Department for their assistance in resolving this situation peacefully."

Driver Escapes Injury in Crash on Highway 163



Around 3 a.m. on Friday, a driver lost control of a 2001 Chevy Silverado, flipping the vehicle upside down on Highway 163 at County Road 754 in Riceville. Despite the crash, the driver sustained only minor injuries and did not require medical transport

First responders from Hillsview Fire, Etowah Rural Fire, AMR, and the Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) arrived at the scene. THP Trooper Eric Diaz led the investigation into the accident.

Photo courtesy of the Etowah Rural Fire Department.

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

Mary S. Bunch Hicks, 92 of Athens, died Thursday, October 10 at Morning Pointe Assisted Living of Athens. She was a longtime resident of McMinn County, a member of Eastanallee Baptist Church and retired from Thomas and Betts. Mary enjoyed gardening and working outdoors in her flowers. Graveside services will be Monday, October 14, at Cedar Grove Cemetery with Dr. Mike Frazier officiating. The family will receive friends Monday 12:00 pm until 1:45 pm at Ziegler Funeral Home. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Mary S. Bunch Hicks.

Marilyn Rose Ward, 81 of Sweetwater, passed away October 9, 2024, at Sweetwater Hospital. Marilyn was a graduate of Sweetwater High School, Tennessee Wesleyan College and received her master's degree from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville in English. Marilyn was a member of Sewee Church in Niota since childhood and was heavily involved in keeping the church's history. In small and in larger ways, her kind, sensitive spirit has made enriching contributions to her church and community. Friends may come to pay their respects at Kyker Funeral Home, Sweetwater on October 15th from 1:00pm – 2:00pm, service to follow at 2:00pm in Kyker's Chapel. Interment will follow in the West View Cemetery in Sweetwater. Kyker Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Lynn McPherson Metzger, 85 of Athens passed away Thursday, October 10 at Bradley Medical Center in Cleveland. Lynn worked for Wal Mart for 20 years and was a member of City Park Church of God of Prophecy. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War having served in the U.S. Army. Funeral services will be 2:00 pm Tuesday, October 15 in the chapel of Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. The interment will follow at Sullins Cemetery immediately after the funeral. The family will receive friends from 12-2 pm Tuesday before the service at the funeral home. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home will be in charge of the arrangements.

David William Bidwell, 82 of Decatur, died Friday, October 11 at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. David was a member of Pisgah Baptist Church and retired from Meigs County Board of Education as a bus driver. He enjoyed fishing, but his greatest pleasure was working on his farm. Funeral services will be 7:00 pm Tuesday, October 15 at Ziegler Funeral Home. Everyone will meet at Pisgah Cemetery at 11:00 am Wednesday for the committal service. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm prior to the service at Ziegler Funeral Home. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of David William Bidwell.

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Athens, Tennessee

Fire Destroys Riceville Home



Firefighters from three departments were called to a fully involved structure fire on County Road 80 in Riceville around 6:30 p.m. on Saturday. Upon arrival, flames were seen coming through the

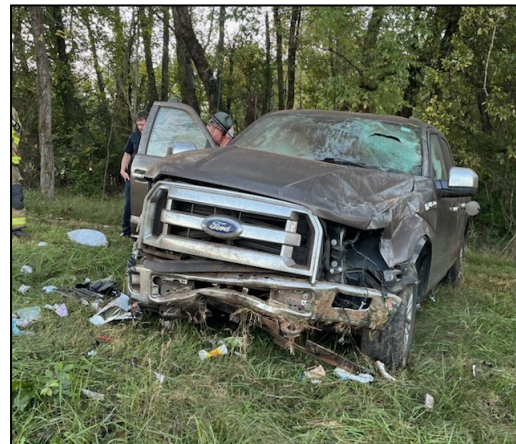
roof, causing extensive damage to the home. Fortunately, no one was inside at the time of the fire.

Riceville Volunteer Fire Department, Athens Rural Fire Department, and Englewood Rural Fire Department responded to the scene. AMR and VEC also assisted. Riceville Assistant Fire Chief David Wright was in command.

Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department

LISTENING REMINDER: This week on *Main Street Moments*: Sandra Kinney interviews Michael Mayfield from the Mayfield Farm Park. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5. See ad on Page 4.

Driver Hospitalized After Rollover Crash on Highway 307



Early Friday morning around 7:30 a.m., the driver of a 2017 Ford F150 lost control after falling asleep at the wheel on Highway 307 in Athens. Witnesses reported that the truck

rolled over several times. The driver was transported to Starr Regional Hospital in Athens by AMR for treatment. Niota Rural Fire, Englewood Rural Fire, Athens Police Department, and McMinn County Sheriff's Department all responded to the scene. THP Trooper James Dalton is leading the investigation.

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Athens, Tennessee

McMinn East Competes at TMSAA Class A State Championship



McMinn East's middle school boys' cross country team qualified and competed at the TMSAA Class A state championship on October 5. The team is coached by Barry Carroll and is made up of athletes from Etowah City (3), Englewood (2), and Mountain View (1) schools. Pictured from left to right: Coach Barry Carroll, Cooper Crews, Brayden Cochran, Brady Carroll, Braxton Walker, Eli Stanford, Cayden Watson.

Photo Courtesy of Sarah Carroll, Etowah City Schools

HS Football Round-Up

Last Week's Scoreboard

East Hamilton @ Walker Valley 17-28
 Bledsoe Co. @ Polk Co. 21-14
 Red Bank @ Sequoyah 42-2
 Howard @ McMinn Co. 0-49
 Ooltewah @ Rhea Co. 0-48
 McMinn Central @ Tyner Academy 23-29
 Meigs Co. @ Pigeon Forge 14-15
 Loudon @ Sweetwater 42-0

This Week's Match-Ups

PURE Academy (1-6) @ Walker Valley (6-2) 7pm
 Polk Co. (4-3) @ Meigs Co. (5-2) 7pm
 McMinn Central (4-3) @ Kingston (5-3) 7:30pm

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Tennessee defeats Florida in Overtime, Offensive Struggles Persist



Tennessee held off Florida with a 23-17 overtime victory at Neyland Stadium on Saturday, keeping their College Football Playoff hopes alive despite continued offensive struggles. The Vols took an early lead with their fast-paced attack, but inconsistent play slowed them down. Tennessee managed just 312 yards of offense against a Florida defense that ranks near the bottom of the SEC, allowing an average of 395 yards per game.

Tennessee's struggles on the offensive line, which have plagued them in recent games, limited the effectiveness of quarterback Nico Iamaleava, who turned the ball over on a botched exchange and threw a costly interception.

Iamaleava, a redshirt freshman, has faced criticism for his ball-handling issues and appeared uncertain throughout the game, completing just 16 of 26 passes for 169 yards. While he continues to struggle with turnovers and accuracy, running back Dylan Sampson proved a bright spot, rushing for 112 yards and three touchdowns.

Iamaleava's overthrows to open receivers, hindered the Vols' ability to put the game away in regulation. Despite these setbacks, Tennessee's defense stepped up, holding Florida to 361 yards and forcing a crucial turnover near the goal line. The Vols scored the tie-breaking touchdown on a one-yard rush to secure the victory.

With Alabama next on the schedule, Tennessee's playoff chances remain in question. The Vols' offense will need to improve quickly, particularly Iamaleava's performance, if they hope to remain in contention for a championship.

The Alabama Crimson Tide rides into Neyland Stadium this Saturday, October 19 with kickoff at 3:30 pm ET on ABC. *Photo Courtesy of Tennessee Athletics*



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