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The curriculum will include principles of nuclear energy production, reactor systems design, spent fuel reprocessing, nuclear safety and nuclear cybersecurity. The enhanced program at the Cookeville campus will play a vital role in attracting nuclear companies to the region. The \$50 million Nuclear Energy Fund was in Gov. Lee's recommended 2023-2024 budget and approved by the Tennessee General Assembly. An additional \$10 million was allocated and approved in the state's budget during the 2024 legislative session.

The fund assists nuclear power-related businesses choosing to relocate or grow in the Volunteer State and supports the state's universities and research institutions in further developing their nuclear education programs.

The project announced on Tuesday, October 15 was supported by the Tennessee Nuclear Energy Council's Education and Workforce committee, part of the 22-member [Tennessee Nuclear Energy Advisory Council](#).

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Athens, Tennessee

Church News & Events

- Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (1923 Pleasant Hill Rd., Ten Mile) will be having a Community Dinner this Saturday, October 19th from 4pm - 6pm. They will be serving catfish, slaw, fries, hushpuppies, drinks and dessert. It is absolutely free and open to the public.
- Pope Avenue Baptist Church (301 Pope St., Athens) is hosting a revival from October 20th-25th. Reverend Kenneth Elkins and Reverend Daniel Stewart will be bringing the messages. Special nightly singing from a multitude of singers and groups. Sunday, the revival will begin at 6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday services begin at 7:00 p.m.
- Revival at Cambria Baptist Church, 305 County Road 875, Etowah. October 21st - 25th, 7:00 PM.
- Celebrate Recovery meets every Thursday at 6:00 P.M. at Watts Bar Community Church (1517 TN-68, Decatur).
- Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- Sweetwater House of Prayer is hosting a Community Blessing Closet on the third Saturday of every month from 8 am-4 pm.
- The Etowah Church of Christ, 501 Athens Pike, is having a series on "Revelation and Premillennialism" at 6 p.m. each Wednesday.
- Old National Bank and the leadership of St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church (that was destroyed by fire) have established an account for anyone that would like to make a monetary donation to assist the church going forward. Donations can be made at any Old National Bank office or mailed to Old National Bank, 106 West Washington Avenue, Athens, TN 37303. Checks should be made payable to St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church.
- New Zion Baptist Church (393 County Road 616, Athens) will be showing "The Judgment House", a walk-through play, on Friday 10/18 and Saturday 10/19 from 6pm - 8pm.. Call (423) 368-1152 for more info.

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Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

- The McMinn County Amateur Radio Club is hosting their Annual Chili Dinner on Saturday, November 2 from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. There will be various types of chili, desserts, and drinks. Members of the police eat for free. The cost for persons aged 13 and older is \$12, Seniors 65+ \$10, and Kids 12 and under \$5. The event will be at Southern Events (300 W. Madison Ave, Athens). The proceeds will go to help maintain the radio towers that amateur operators use to communicate in times of natural disasters and emergencies. For more info, visit their Facebook page [HERE](#).
- The VFW is having their Annual Turkey Shoot every Saturday from 8am-12 Noon and each Saturday through November 23 at VFW Post #5146 at 706 North Congress Parkway in Athens. They are raising funds for their Christmas baskets to be distributed to Veterans & spouses. For more information, call 423-745-8387.
- The Tennessee Highway Patrol will be conducting a Sobriety Checkpoint on December 6 at 9 pm on US 11 at County Road 50. The scheduled checkpoint is contingent upon manpower and weather conditions.

Obituaries

Karen Denton, age 58, passed away on Thursday, October 17, 2024. Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later time. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Karen Denton.

Wanda Faye "Shorty" Combs Judd, 81 of Decatur, passed away on Wednesday October 16. She enjoyed all things gardening, mowing, planting flowers, canning, cooking, fishing, hunting, and always put her family first. She was the owner of the Nip & Sip for 40 years and loved her customers. A funeral service will be held at 7 p.m., on Monday, October 21, in the Chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Interment will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 22 in the Beta Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, prior to the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Judd Family.

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax.

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Church News And Events

- Union Hill Baptist Church will be having a special service on Sunday morning October 20th. They will be celebrating their pastor, Jimmy Lewis. Everyone is welcome to attend. Sunday School begins at 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship is at 10:45 am. Lunch will be served following the worship service .
- Mt. Verd Baptist Church (252 County Road 249, Athens) invites everyone to their Fall Festival on Saturday, October 26 from 4pm - 6pm. There will be Free Food, Games, and lots of Prizes! . Enjoy the family-friendly activities they have to offer!
- Trinity United Methodist Church will be hosting a "S'mores & Scriptures" event on Saturday, October 26 from 6 pm - 8pm. There will be fire pits, s'mores stations, photo props, fun games and music! Entry is free and they wish for you to join them for an evening of Fellowship and Fun!
- Niota UMC and Cedar Springs UMC will celebrate Homecoming on October 20 with a joint service at Niota UMC at 11am. The service will feature the Tennessee Wesleyan Choir. A potluck lunch will follow the service in the fellowship hall. All are invited!

Athens Leaf Vacuum Season Starts Soon



The City of Athens Public Works Department has announced the start of Leaf Vacuum Season, beginning Monday, November 4, 2024, at 7:00 a.m. Residents are reminded to rake their leaves three to five feet from the road but to avoid placing them in the street, drainage ditches, or on sidewalks, as this poses hazards and may cause

flooding by clogging storm drains. Leaves should be placed behind sidewalks in areas where they exist, and not around obstacles like mailboxes, fences, or vehicles, as these piles won't be collected. Leaves should also not be placed on utility covers to prevent damage to equipment. The city will not respond to individual pick-up requests, and collection crews will work through designated zones, completing all zones before starting the process again. For information on which zone the leaf crews are currently working, or to find out your zone, visit www.athenstn.gov/publicworks for more information.



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Athens, Tennessee

Vols Face Alabama in Must-Win Scenario

Football Preview



This weekend's matchup between Alabama and Tennessee is crucial, with both teams struggling but still aiming for a College Football Playoff spot. Alabama narrowly survived a win against South Carolina after a tough loss to Vanderbilt. With road games at LSU and Oklahoma looming, plus Missouri and Auburn at home, the Crimson Tide face a challenging path. Tennessee, coming off a win over Florida and a loss to Arkansas, has an easier schedule but needs this victory to stay in the hunt.

Alabama's offense, led by standout quarterback Jalen Milroe—who's in the Heisman conversation—remains explosive, averaging over 11 yards per throw with 12 touchdown passes and 11 rushing touchdowns. However, their defense has faltered, struggling to get off the field on key third downs, especially in the loss and tight games.

Tennessee's defense, one of the best in the country on third-down stops, has kept every opponent under 20 points, but their secondary has shown vulnerabilities. Despite Alabama's recent inconsistencies, their ability to "bomb away" might be too much for the Vols, setting up an exciting, high-scoring contest. Both teams need this win to stay in playoff contention, making it a must-watch SEC showdown. This game seems unpredictable for even many experts. In a statement exclusive to the Morning Fax, VFL and former NFL wide-receiver Jayson Swain stated: "Somebody's gonna score.. Somebody's gonna win.. I'm thinking 31-27... This is the first game where I can't figure out the winner.."

Tonight's Football 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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KUDOS to our very own J.P. Vasquez at WYXI RADIO. J.P. is the host of the WYXI RADIO TRADING POST each weekday morning and does a fantastic job. He is also making college football history this season. J.P. is part of the team that broadcasts all of the Tennessee Volunteers football games in Spanish on radio. He sits in a radio broadcast booth each Saturday next to former UT Volunteer and Miami Dolphins Kicker Fuad Reveiz and High School Spanish teacher and football coach Carlos Lopez. J.P. does the introduction of the game, the half-time show and post game wrap up broadcast. Carlos Lopez does the play by play and Fuad Reveiz does the color commentary. Since starting the Spanish broadcast this year, thousands of Big Orange Fans all over the world have responded with how much they love hearing the football game in their native language. If you're watching the game on TV, turn the sound down and listen to the Spanish audio version from the alternative feed from the [SPORTS ANIMAL](#) in Knoxville. Kickoff time is 3:30 p.m. on ESPN. Even if you don't speak Spanish, you'll enjoy the game from an exciting perspective. In the photo Left to Right: J.P. Vasquez, Fuad Reveiz and Carlos Lopez Photo and video credit: WATE.com

