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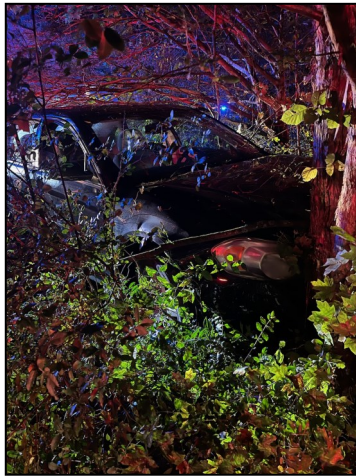
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## Impala Slams into Tree on Monday



The driver of this 2011 Chevy Impala left the roadway on County Road 609, Athens, Monday morning around 2 slamming head on into a tree. Responding agencies were Etowah Rural Fire, Englewood Rural Fire, AMR, McMinn County Sheriff's Dept. along with THP Trooper Logan Ballew, who investigated the accident.

Photo by Lynn Ingram,

Englewood Rural Fire Department

## City of Athens Road Closure

The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following street closure: The areas to be affected are Congress Crossing driveway entrance to the Shopping Center and left turn lane from northbound Congress Parkway. This closure will be from Wednesday, October 23, at 6:30 a.m. until Thursday, October 24 at 6:30 p.m. Motorists are advised to use extreme caution, watch for detour and traffic control signage, pedestrians, and work crews. Motorists should allocate additional time for traffic delays when traveling in this area. The purpose of this closure is for traffic signal loop repairs. For more information, please contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.



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## Obituaries

**Christodoulos "Chris" Kitsos**, 63 of Athens, passed away on Saturday, October 19. Chris immigrated to the United States with his family in 1992. He quickly became a beloved figure in Athens as the co-owner and partner of the Gondolier restaurant. He was renowned for his hospitality and genuine smile making the Gondolier a welcoming place for everyone. Chris was deeply devoted to his family and was the cornerstone of family gatherings. A memorial service will be held at 12:30 pm Thursday, October 24 in the chapel of Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 4:00pm-7:00pm Wednesday, October 23 in the chapel. Arrangements entrusted to Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

**Claude Wayne "Salty" Widener**, 89 of Delano, passed away Monday, October 21 at his home. He was a longtime member of First Baptist Church of Athens. He served in the U.S. Army and was associated with Bowater for 41 years retiring in 1995. He, and his wife Joyce, raised prize winning roses for many years. They hand delivered to many people who were residing in assisted living, nursing homes and for other special occasions. A graveside service will be conducted, 2:00 pm, Saturday, October 26 at McMinn Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends from 11:30am-1:30pm, Saturday at Smith Funeral Home prior to the graveside service. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is honored to serve the family of Claude Wayne "Salty" Widener.

**Harold "Zeke" Williams**, age 80, a native and lifelong resident of McMinn County, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, October 20, 2024. He retired from BellSouth, worked with C&W Tractor, and was a lifelong farmer. Zeke was a longtime member of South Liberty Church of Christ, where he served as song leader for many years. Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM-7:00 PM on Friday, October 25 at Ziegler Funeral Home with funeral services at 7:00 PM with interment Saturday at 11:00 AM at South Liberty Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Harold "Zeke" Williams.

**Wendell Allen Cate**, age 54 of McMinn County, went to be with the Lord and his "Pop" on Monday, October 21. He was a farmer and co-owner of "the Meatin' Place". Visitation will be held from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM on Thursday, October 24 at Ziegler Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Friday, October 25 at 10:00 AM at the funeral home. Interment will then follow at 11:00 AM at McMinn Memory Gardens in Athens. Ziegler Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Wendell Allen Cate.

**Pebbles Lashea Roach Broyles**, age 30 of McMinn County, passed away on Sunday, October 20th. She attended Church of Niota and was of the Baptist faith. Visitation will be from 12 PM – 2 PM on Thursday, October 24th at Ziegler Funeral Home with funeral services to follow at 2 PM at the funeral home. Interment will follow the services at Hampton Cemetery in Englewood. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements for Pebbles Lashea Roach Broyles.

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