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Fatal Accident on John J. Duncan Pkwy.

On the morning of Thursday, November 21, Athens Police Department officers responded to a two-vehicle collision on John J. Duncan Parkway near Congress Parkway. The accident involved a Ford Fusion and a Ford F-150. Emergency services, including Athens Fire Department and EMS, provided care at the scene. The driver of the Ford F-150 was transported to Starr Athens Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Tragically, the driver of the Ford Fusion, identified as 21-year-old Athalie Cleminte of Ten Mile, Tennessee, was pronounced deceased at the scene. Preliminary investigations indicate that the Ford Fusion crossed the center line, causing the collision. No charges are pending at this time.

The City of Athens extends its deepest condolences to all affected by this tragedy. As the holiday season approaches, the Police Department urges everyone to prioritize safety and remain vigilant on the roads.

Source: Fred Schultz, Athens Police Dept.

Community News You Can Use

- Today, Nov. 22nd, is the last day of the Tennessee MEDIC Blood Center of Athens and Knoxville "ORANGE VS. BLUE" competition with the Kentucky Blood Center. Donors receive a free Hoodie. Call the Athens Blood Center at 453-5846 for an appointment. It's next door to Ingles.
- Tonight is Old Fashioned Downtown Christmas from 5 to 8pm in downtown Athens. Lighting of the City of Athens Christmas Tree is at 7:15pm. See their ad on page 4 for more details.
- CORRECTION: The VFW is NOT having a Turkey Shoot on Saturday, November 23 at VFW Post #5146 at 706 North Congress Parkway in Athens.

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Obituaries

Deacon Chester T. Smith, departed this life peacefully on November 19, 2024, at the age of 99. In 1956, Chester became one of the first African American men employed at Bowater Plant. A devoted entrepreneur, Chester was the proud owner of Turley's Place, where he allowed his entrepreneurial spirit to shine. Chester found joy in service as a deacon at Oak Grove Baptist Church and as a member of the Oak Grove Jr. Quartet. Home going Celebration Services will be held Monday, November 25 at 12:00 noon at the Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Niota. The family will receive friends one hour before the service at the church from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Interment will follow the service at McMinn Memory Gardens in Athens. Service of loving memory entrusted to M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home-Athens.

Michael "Mike" K. McCabe, 69, a native of Lafayette, IN, passed away on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at his home in Athens, TN, with family nearby, after a brief battle with cancer. He became a Christian in 1978, and a year later became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. After graduating from the Seminary, he served as a pastor in Indiana, Pennsylvania and Tennessee until his retirement in 2017. A memorial service will be private. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Michael "Mike" K. McCabe.

Phyllis Ann Brown Meadows, of Decatur, passed away on Thursday, November 21. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, November 25, 2024, in the Meigs County Memorial Gardens. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Meadows Family.

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Church News & Events

- McMahan Calvary Baptist Church (569 Co Road 172) Athens is having a Thanksgiving dinner after their 11 a.m. Sunday Service on Nov. 24th. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- *Trinity Trio* will be the special guest singers on Sunday, Dec. 1 at the 10:30 am service at Community Baptist Church in Niota.
- West End Baptist Church (803 Clark Street, Athens) will be having their annual Hanging of the Greens on December 1st at 6:00 pm.
- A Christian Men's Prayer Breakfast sponsored by New Hope Methodist Church will be held on Thursday, December 5 at 8 a.m. at Maddi Mae's Cafe in downtown Athens. This ecumenical monthly prayer breakfast is open to all men of Christian faith plus those who want to establish a relationship with Jesus. Please contact Marcus Guinn for more information. (marcusguinn@gmail.com or 423-507-7769)
- Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church (414 Chester St., Athens) is hosting a Bake Sale on Tuesday, Nov. 26th from 4pm - 6 pm.
- Union McMinn Baptist Church (314 County Road 316, Niota) is serving a free plate lunch for all on November 28th from 11am to 1pm. The church is located right off I-75 exit 56. First come, first serve.
- Celebrate Recovery meets every Tuesday at 6:00 P.M. at Woodward Ave. Church of God (507 Woodward Ave., Athens).
- Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- St. Mark AME Zion Church is holding services at 11:00 am on Sundays at Keith Memorial UMC sanctuary. Sunday School is at 9:45 in Ensminger Hall. Rev. Tiki Dixon is the pastor of St. Mark.
- First United Presbyterian Church is holding church services every 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 10:00 am. Minister Juanita McClure Lewis is the Interim Pastor.



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**McMinn County Schools Launches
 McMinn Virtual Program (MVP)**

McMinn County Schools has announced the McMinn Virtual Program (MVP), a free K-12 virtual learning option that combines flexibility with high-quality education. MVP allows students to learn from home with Tennessee-certified teachers and a curriculum developed in partnership with Pearson, a global leader in education. Students remain part of their zoned school community, with access to sports, dances, and graduation while benefiting from cutting-edge online tools and personalized support. Open to local and out-of-county students, MVP offers a unique blend of academic rigor, flexibility, and community involvement. The McMinn Virtual Program is a pathway to help students thrive in an ever-changing educational landscape and prepare for lifelong success. For more information, see their full page ad on Page 6 or visit mcminnvirtual.com.

**Small Plane Crashes on
 Shallowford Road in Chattanooga**



Rush hour on Shallowford Road in Chattanooga turned into a spectacle Wednesday morning as federal investigators worked to examine and remove the wreckage of a Cessna 172

Skyhawk that crashed the evening prior. The single-engine plane, registered to Aero-Chatt out of Bradley County, went down Tuesday at 5:51 p.m., narrowly missing traffic and coming to rest in trees near the intersection of Shallowford Road and Airport Road. According to the FAA's initial report, engine issues forced the pilot to attempt an emergency return to Chattanooga Airport. Air traffic control audio captured the pilot reporting a "very rough" engine just moments before the crash.

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McMinn County Arrest Reports

Candice Rossignal, 42 of Delano, was arrested by the Calhoun PD for Driving with a Suspended License. Total Bond: \$2,000.

Venice Jarrett, 44 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Domestic Assault and Child Abuse. Total Bond: \$6,000

Joseph Lilliard, 47 of Calhoun, was arrested by the THP for Driving on a Suspended License, Driving Without Due Care, and Failure to Maintain Lane. Total Bond: \$1,000.

Jordan Debny, of Knoxville, was arrested by the THP for Domestic Assault, Harassment, and Robbery. No Bond.

Lebrandon Smith, 43 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for a Drug Task Force Warrant, Possession of Fentanyl with intent to sell, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, and Maintaining a Drug Dwelling. Total Bond: \$20,000

John Brown, 36 of Calhoun was arrested by Calhoun PD for Driving on a Revoked License. Total Bond: \$1,000

Adelina Rogers, 44 of Niota, was arrested by the Athens PD for Theft of Property between 1,000-2,500, Criminal Impersonation and Escape. Total Bond: \$7,500.

The accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered from Public Sources.

Football Preview

This Week's Match-Ups

Area High School Playoffs Friday

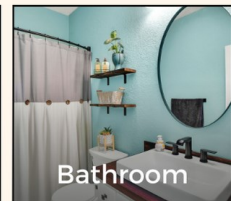
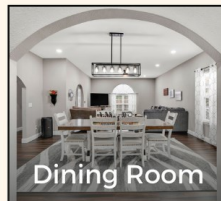
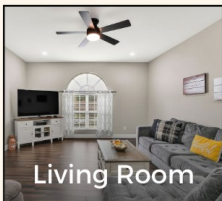
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Small Plane Crash on Shallowford Road in Chattanooga - Continued from page 4



Both occupants of the plane miraculously survived with minor injuries. One individual exited the wreckage on

their own, while Chattanooga firefighters extricated the second person, who was trapped inside. Emergency crews transported both to the hospital.

By Wednesday afternoon, crews carefully disassembled the damaged plane and removed it from the crash site. Investigators from the FAA and NTSB continue to examine the cause of the crash. Crystal Air, the plane's associated flight group, is fully cooperating with authorities.

Source/Photo: WTVC-News Channel 9

Early Morning Fire Destroys Etowah Structure on Ohio Avenue



A structure fire on Ohio Avenue in Etowah broke out early Thursday morning, heavily damaging the home and an outbuilding. Fire crews arrived at approximately 1:30 a.m. to find the property fully engulfed in

flames. Fortunately, no one was home at the time of the fire.

Multiple agencies responded to the scene, including Etowah City Fire, Etowah Rural Fire, Englewood Rural Fire, Athens City Fire, and Madisonville City Fire. Assisting were AMR, Etowah Police Department, MCSO, Etowah Utilities Board, Etowah Public Works, and West Polk Fire Department, which stood by to support local departments.

The operation was led by Englewood Rural Fire Chief Billy Roach, with assistance from Etowah City Fire Captain Dustin Ruebush. *Photo Credit: Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department.*

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