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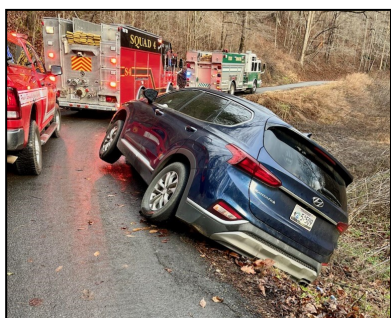
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Athens, Tennessee

Fire Personnel Respond to Vehicle Accident on County Road 468



At 8:30 a.m. on Monday, fire crews were dispatched to a reported vehicle accident on County Road 468. Initial reports indicated that a vehicle had overturned. However, upon arrival, responders found a 2020 Hyundai Santa Fe precariously hanging on an embankment with no occupants in or around the vehicle. Englewood Rural Fire and Etowah Fire Departments responded to the scene, along with McMinn County Sheriff's Department Deputy Darrell Wright, who is investigating the incident.

Photo courtesy of Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

City of Niota garbage pick up on Friday will begin at 6:00 am and continue as long as weather permits and on Monday if necessary. Cans need to be curbside by 6:00 am on Friday.

Postal Service and Government Closures Set for Thursday to Honor Late President Jimmy Carter



The United States Postal Service (USPS) will suspend mail delivery on (today) Thursday, January 9th, in observance of a National Day of Mourning to honor the late former President Jimmy Carter.

This date coincides with Carter's official state funeral at the Washington National Cathedral, where President Joe Biden is expected to deliver a eulogy.

Declared by President Biden, the National Day of Mourning will also see the closure of U.S. Supreme Court proceedings, stock markets, and other government offices. USPS facilities will remain closed, though there will be limited package delivery service to prevent disruptions to package operations. Regular mail and services will resume on Friday, January 10.

Additionally, all Postal Service facilities are required to fly the U.S. flag at half-staff through sunset on January 29 in Carter's honor. This marks the first National Day of Mourning since December 2018, which was observed following the death of former President George H.W. Bush.

WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday - Sunny. High 33.

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Friday Night - Snow. Low 28.

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Obituaries

Joy Mullinax, 78, passed peacefully from our world on Monday, December 23 at NHC of Athens, TN. Due to expected inclement weather the Celebration of life and receiving of friends will be held on January 18, 2025 from 10:30am-1:00pm at Smith Funeral Home in Athens, TN. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is honored to serve the family of Linda Joy Mullinax.

Glen "Don" Donald Rucker, Sr, 84 of Sweetwater, passed away on Monday, January 6. Don served in the United States Army, at Fort Dix New Jersey. Visitation will be held at Fairview Baptist Church in Athens, TN, on Thursday, January 9, 2025, from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM with a funeral service to follow at 6:00 PM. Due to inclement weather, graveside services have been changed and will be held at Sweetwater Valley Memorial Park on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 10:00 AM with full military honors. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Glen "Don" Donald Rucker, Sr.

Athena "Tina" Barbara Hicks, 56, of Madisonville went to be with the Lord on January 6. Tina was a member of Friendship Baptist Church of Madisonville. She loved her family, especially her grandkids. She was devoted to her family. Tina was a fighter, she had been sick since 2007 and fought the hard fight. The family will have a graveside service at Chestua Campground Cemetery (6112 US Hwy 422, Madisonville, TN) on Tuesday, January 14th at 10am. Companion Funeral Home of Athens and the Cody family are honored to assist the family with these arrangements.

AJC Ribbon Cutting in Monroe Co.



The American Job Center (AJC) recently held a ribbon cutting at the Cleveland State Community College Monroe County Center in Vonore. The AJC opened an office at the Center and will operate on Tuesdays and Fridays, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. The partnership provides additional services for the residents of Monroe County. The AJC provides tuition assistance for qualified individuals for Workforce Development bootcamps; they also provide services for individuals seeking employment. Representatives from the AJC, East Tennessee Human Resource Agency (ETHRA), Tellico Reservoir Development Agency (TRDA), Monroe County, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and CSCC attended the ribbon cutting.

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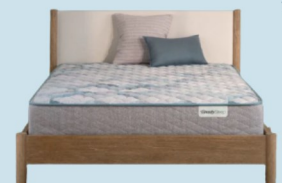
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Vehicle Crashes Into Madisonville Gas Station, Driver Arrested for DUI



Around 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Alpha Patrol Shift officers of the Madisonville Police Department responded to a vehicle crash at the Marathon Gas Station (3416 Highway 411), formerly known as the Old Checkered Flag Market. Madisonville Fire and Rescue and Monroe County EMS also responded to the scene.

Fortunately, no injuries were reported in the incident.

During the investigation, officers determined that the female driver, who was the vehicle's sole occupant, was under the influence. She was arrested for driving under the influence (DUI), with additional charges pending.

Authorities expressed gratitude for the swift response and collaboration of all emergency services involved.

Source: [Madisonville Police Department - Facebook](#)

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The Streak is Over! Vols Defeated at "The Swamp"



The top-ranked Tennessee Volunteers endured their first loss of the season Tuesday night, falling 73-43 to No. 8 Florida in Gainesville. In their SEC road opener, the Volunteers struggled offensively and were outmatched on the boards, ending their 14-0 start to the 2024-25 campaign.

Florida opened with a 12-0 run, capitalizing on Tennessee's nine consecutive missed shots to start the game. The Volunteers didn't score their first field goal until nearly eight minutes in and went into halftime trailing 34-15. Tennessee shot just 13.8% in the first half and finished the game at 21.4%, including 4-of-29 from 3-point range, both season lows.


The Gators out-rebounded Tennessee 55-38, including a 19-13 edge on the offensive glass, and dominated in the paint with a 40-14 scoring advantage. Florida also added 19 second-chance points to Tennessee's four and outpaced the Vols in fast-break opportunities 22-3.


Graduate guard Alijah Martin led Florida with 18 points, while Alex Condon recorded a double-double with 12 points and 12 rebounds. Sophomore center Chinyelu added 15 boards for the Gators, the most by any Tennessee opponent this season.


Tennessee, now 14-1 (1-1 SEC), looks to regroup ahead of another tough road test at Texas on Saturday night. The Volunteers must improve their physicality and offensive efficiency to bounce back from their largest loss of the season..

The defeat ended Tennessee's historic 14-0 start, which tied the 1922-23 campaign for the best opening streak in program history. It also marked the Volunteers' first loss by 30 or more points since a 2011 NCAA Tournament game against Michigan. Tennessee will look to bounce back as it travels to Austin, Texas, for a Saturday showdown against Texas at the Moody Center. The game is scheduled for a 6 p.m. ET tip-off on ESPN. *Photo Courtesy of Matt Pendleton - Imagn Images // Sources: UTSports.com; VolQuest*

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
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Updated Weather Projections Show More Snow than Previously Expected



A winter storm is set to impact the Tennessee Valley beginning Friday morning, bringing significant snowfall and potential travel hazards. Snowfall is expected to start mid-morning Friday and persist into the night, with accumulations ranging from 4 to 8 inches across the region.

Friday Forecast

Temperatures will range from 25°F in the morning to a high of only 35°F during the day. By Friday night, some areas, particularly south of Chattanooga, could see a mix of snow and freezing rain. This combination may result in icy roads, creating dangerous travel conditions. Overnight lows will drop into the mid-to-upper 20s.

Saturday Outlook

The snow will taper to light snow showers or flurries Saturday morning before ending by the afternoon. Highs will reach 38°F after a morning low of 29°F. Travel will remain challenging into Saturday morning, especially on untreated surfaces.

Extended Forecast

Cold and dry conditions will dominate Sunday and into the following week, with lows in the low 20s and highs in the upper 30s to low 40s.

Preparedness

Power outages are possible due to the weight of snow and potential ice accumulation on power lines. Residents are encouraged to prepare by ensuring they have a safe, warm place to stay if power is lost. Monitor weather updates for refined forecasts as additional data becomes available mid-week. Stay safe and limit travel on Friday and Saturday. *Source: [David Karnes 3](#)*

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