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Athens, Tennessee

Fire Destroys Two Vehicles, Damages Third in Athens



A 1999 Mercedes caught fire on County Road 609 in Athens around 3:30 p.m. Sunday, heavily damaging two vehicles and scorching a third.

The fire originated in the dashboard area of the Mercedes, quickly spreading to a nearby 1999 Ford E350 box truck, leaving both vehicles severely burned. A 1989 Jaguar XJ5 parked nearby sustained heat damage to its right side.

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Firefighters from Etowah City Fire, Etowah Rural

Fire, and Englewood Rural Fire responded to the scene, with Etowah Rural Fire Assistant Chief Kevin Elliott leading the effort.

Authorities have not yet determined the cause of the fire.

Photo by Adam Moses

Community News You Can Use

- [The Etowah Friendly Garden Club](#) will meet TODAY **Tuesday, February 11** at the Etowah Community Center, 155 Robinson Street in Etowah beginning at 7 p.m. The club will discuss the upcoming Annual Plant Sale that will be held on Saturday, May 10 from 8 a.m. to 12 Noon.
- The [Athens Area Chamber of Commerce](#) will be having a Ribbon Cutting ceremony for [Lena Perkins, Licensed Massage Therapist](#), TODAY, Tuesday, February 11 at 1:30 pm. Her business is located at 201 N. White Street in Athens within the Downtown Beauty Lounge. Morning Fax Today's News. This Morning.
- The [Good Faith Clinic](#) will be open Tuesday, February 11 at 3 p.m. for refills and at 3:30 p.m. for doctor visits. The Good Faith Clinic is free primary health care for residents of McMinn and Meigs counties, ages of 18-64, who do not have any form of medical insurance, including TennCare. The clinic meets on the campus of [Christ Community Church](#) at 18 S Congress Parkway in Athens. Morning Fax Today's News. This Morning.

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Obituaries

Larry William Bettenhausen, 92 of Athens, passed away on Thursday, February 6. He retired from Navistar Corporation as an engineer. He served in the United States Army Airborne during the Korean War and was a member of Fairview Baptist Church. Visitation will be held from 12:00-1:00 PM on Wednesday, February 12 at Fairview Baptist Church in Athens. Funeral services will be at 1:00 PM. Entombment will follow at McMinn Memory Gardens with full military honors. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Larry William Bettenhausen.

Judith Lee Curry Ferguson, 81 of Athens, passed away on Friday, February 7. Judith was employed with Western Sizzlin Steak House. Visitation will be held from 2:00-4:00 PM on Friday, February 14 at Ziegler Funeral Home. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Judith Lee Curry Ferguson.

Patricia Ann Yarbrough Ion, 75 of McMinn County, passed away on Monday, February 10. She was a lifetime member of the AMVETS Post 100 Auxiliary in Etowah. Visitation will be held from 11:30 AM-1:30 PM on Friday, February 14, at Ziegler Funeral Home, with funeral services at 1:30 PM. Interment will follow at McMahan Calvary Baptist Church Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Patricia Ann Yarbrough Ion.

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, school sports results or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax. If you take a newsworthy photograph, send it to:
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Athens, Tennessee

Fire in Decatur on Sunday



Tri-State Mutual Aid Association responded to a fire at a commercial structure on Sunday, February 9 at 856 Goodfield Road in Decatur, Meigs County, Decatur City, McMinn County as well as Rhea County Fire Departments responded to the scene.

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Source: [TriState Mutual Aid - Facebook](#)

McMinn County Schools Remote Learning Today



McMinn County Schools will be operating by remote learning on Tuesday, Feb. 11, and Wednesday, Feb. 12. The decision to transition to remote learning is due to a rise in illness amongst students and staff, and in consideration of the forecasted heavy rainfall, which is expected to include flooding. Information will be sent home with your student regarding the expectations for the remote learning days.

During the remote learning days on Feb. 11 and 12, all elementary and high school students are eligible for meal pick-up. Student meals may be picked up at either McMinn High School or Central High School from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on both days.

Source: [McMinn County Schools - Facebook](#)

LISTENING REMINDER: TODAY on *Main Street Moments*: Host Sandra Kinney invites you to join her and Lauren Brown with the Athens Area Council for the Arts. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. TODAY on WYXI RADIO: AM -1390 and FM-94.5.

TODAY IN HISTORY-FEBRUARY 11

1855 - [Michigan](#) State University is founded.

1870 - [Utah](#) is the 2nd territory to allow women to vote.

1973 - The first POWs in North Vietnam are released.

1999 - Scientists warn about harmful impacts of [genetically modified](#) food. **DOBs:** Thomas Edison (1847-1931); Burt Reynolds (1936-2018); Jennifer Aniston (1969).

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Valentine's Day CONTEST

What is Love?

- ♥ Create a piece of Valentine Art
- ♥ Create a Valentine Card
- ♥ Write a poem

Bring your handmade art or your original card or poem to the Tennessee Overhill office by Wednesday, February 12, 2025, 727 Tennessee Ave at the Depot for judging. Call or email for information, 423.263.7232, ndalton@tennesseeoverhill.com
Your submission will be displayed in the window of the of the Etowah Art Commission, 700 Tennessee Ave.

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