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Athens, Tennessee

Fire Burns Three Acres in Athens; Multiple Agencies Respond



A fire broke out Sunday afternoon around 2 p.m. on property located at Highway 39 and County Road 452,

burning approximately three acres of grass and brush.

The property owner was uncertain whether the fire started from embers in a discarded log from a previous fire or from vehicle exhaust.

Fire crews from Englewood Rural Fire, Athens Rural Fire, Athens City Fire, Etowah Rural Fire, Morning Fax and the Tennessee Division of Forestry responded to contain the blaze. The McMinn County Sheriff's Department assisted with traffic control.

Englewood Rural Fire Chief Billy Roach led the incident response.

Photo credit: Trey Sullins, Englewood

Community News You Can Use

- The Athens Fire Department would like to remind you: **THERE IS A BURN BAN IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. NO BURNING WITHIN CITY LIMITS.**
- The Tennessee Highway Patrol will be conducting a sobriety checkpoint on April 11, 2025 at 9:00pm on State Route 163 at County Road 850 in Morning Fax McMinn County. The scheduled check-point is contingent upon manpower and weather conditions.
- Coordinated Charities is offering all of their books at half-price this week. Hardbacks are \$0.50, Paperbacks are \$0.25. Coordinated Charities is located at 109 Rocky Mount Rd., Athens. They are open Monday-Friday (9am - 5pm) an Saturday (10am - 3pm)

◆ This week, *Hope From the Well* host, **Julie Tillis** invites guest **Whitney Brock**. *Hope From the Well* is heard every Thursday morning at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.

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Obituaries

Ralph E. Woods, 77 of Meigs County, passed away on Thursday, February 27 at Decatur Wellness & Rehabilitation Center. He retired from Clayton Homes, and was an umpire and referee for 42 years. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Woods Family.

James "Jimmy" H. Jack, 80 of Etowah, passed away on Monday, March 03, after suffering from Alzheimer's for nearly seven years. Jimmy was a man of the Christian faith. Jimmy spent over 35 years as an electrician at the Aluminum Company of America in Alcoa. Funeral services will be held at 12:00 p.m., Friday, March 7 in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Friday prior to the service. Interment will follow the service in Mars Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Geneva Gladys Jackson Barnes Stevenson, 89 of Athens, passed away on Tuesday, March 4. She was a member of South Liberty Baptist Church. She was a dietary supervisor at Starr Regional Hospital for 37 years. The family will receive friends at Ziegler Funeral Home from 5:00 until 7:00 PM on Thursday, March 6. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, March 7 at Ziegler Funeral Home. Interment will follow directly after funeral services at South Liberty Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Geneva Gladys Jackson Barnes Stevenson.

Early Morning Fire Destroys Kenworth Truck in Athens



A 2003 Kenworth T800 was destroyed in an early morning fire on Highway 307 in Athens on Monday around 5:30 a.m.

According to the owner, they were

asleep inside their residence when they were alerted by their phone. Upon checking outside, they discovered the truck fully engulfed in flames.

Englewood Rural Fire and Niota Rural Fire Departments responded to the scene, but the truck was declared a total loss.

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Monday House Fire Ends in Total Loss



A fire broke out on Monday at a house in the 600 block of Howard Street in Athens. The residents were able to escape the house in time. The City of Athens Police Department and Athens Fire Department both responded to the scene.

Photo Credit: Elizabeth Hollingsworth

Ribbon Cutting for Bradley Tree Service



A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce, Bradley Tree Service & Excavating, serving Bradley and McMinn Counties. Chamber friends joining the celebration and pictured here are: Stacey Hester (Chamber Diplomat), Lindsey Ferguson, Christa Tippit, West Leverett, Toni Leverett (Owners. **Morning Fax** Today's News. This Morning. Bradley Tree Service & Excavating), Jennifer Campos (Bradley Tree Service & Excavating), Wesley Skinner (Chamber Board), Traci White (Chamber Board). Back: Jordon Curtis (Athens Vice Mayor), Hugh Willson (Chamber Diplomat), Stephanie Devine, John Rodriguez (Chamber Board), Doug Bailey (Chamber Diplomat), Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Angela Alvarez, Todd Watson (Chamber Board), Walt Bowman, Garrett Frye, Field Rep for Congressman Chuck Fleischmann, Karen Sullivan (Athens Chamber).

An Evening With Women in Ministry

Tuesday, March 18 | TWU's Colloms Campus Center
Desserts at 6 p.m., the program will begin at 6:30 p.m.



The TWU Department of Religion and Philosophy and Febb Burn Society of Women Philanthropists invite the community to a panel discussion led by area female clergy. The event is free and open to the public with time for fellowship and dessert prior to the program.

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Athens, Tennessee

McMinn County Arrest Reports

Jennifer Spurling, 41 of Calhoun, was arrested by the MCSO for State Violation of Probation. No Bond.

Brandon Rickheim, 29 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Public Intoxication and Disorderly Conduct. No Bond.

Calvin Shaffer, 47 of Sweetwater, was arrested by the MCSO for State Violation of Probation. No Bond.

Jonathan Wilson, 49 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Failure to Appear and Simple Possession/Casual Exchange. Total Bond: \$24,000.

Marvin Buchanan, 44 of Athens, AL, was arrested by the MCSO for Failure to Appear, Simple Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, Failure to Have Insurance, Driving on a Restricted License, Possession of Schedule VI Cannabis and Possession of Schedule II Methamphetamine. Total Bond: \$9,000

Oscar Anguiano, 38 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens Pd for State Violation of Probation. Bond Unclear.

Brock Anderson, 34 of Niota, was arrested by the MCSO for Leaving the Scene of an Accident, Resisting Stop, Expired Registration, and Financial Responsibility Violations. Total Bond: \$1,000.

Preston Mooney, 31 of Etowah, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$2,800.

Keith Frye, 39 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for three counts of Unpaid Child Support, Possession of Schedule II Meth under 5 grams, Possession of Schedule IV Xanax, Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$47,000.

Denny Camp, 38 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Public Intoxication. Total Bond: \$500.

Those accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered using public sources.

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