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Monday, August 5, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

Local and Area News

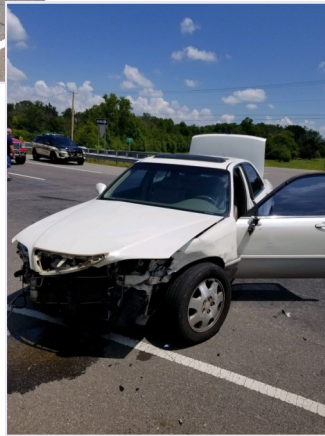
◆ TWO INJURIES IN HIGHWAY 30 WRECK

Two vehicles collided Saturday afternoon on Highway 30 East at County Road 607. The wreck involved a 1999 Ford SCS and a 1998 Acura. Two occupants were injured and transported to Starr Regional Medical Center in Etowah. The Etowah and



Englewood Rural Fire Department responded. THP Officer Rodney Best investigated.

(Photos by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



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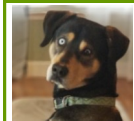
✓ It's back to school today for Athens City Schools (registration and an abbreviated day). It's the first day of classes for Christ's Legacy Academy (early dismissal).

✓ Early voting for the August 20th Athens Sales Tax Referendum continues each day this week at the McMinn County Election Commission office on the ground floor of the Courthouse..

✓ There will be a joint meeting between the Athens City Council and the Athens School Board at 5:30 p.m. today in the Burkett Witt Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. The public is encouraged to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to help answer questions regarding the sales tax referendum and the school board's proposal for a building project. Opportunity for public comment will be permitted.

✓ The Athens Public Works Department advises that E. Madison Avenue will be closed from Guille Street to Mayfield Lane on Wednesday, August 7th, from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. The purpose of the closure is for a tank removal at Mayfield Dairy. Motorists are advised to use extreme caution, watch for detour signs, pedestrians, and work crews.

LISTENING REMINDER: The guest on the Main Street Athens radio show, "Main Street Moments," this week will be Holly McKeehan from Creating You. You can hear the program each Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, FM 94.5 and AM 1390 or [ONLINE](#)



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Obituaries

- ♦ **Frank J. Lankford**, age 74, of Englewood, died Saturday at Blount Memorial Hospital. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Michael Dickey**, age 71, of Cleveland, died last Friday. He was a native of Etowah. Funeral arrangements will be announced by M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Della Rae Burnette Solsbee**, age 97, of Athens (and formerly of Niota), died August 1st. Funeral services were held last Saturday at Union McMinn Baptist Church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home was in charge.
- ♦ **Tommie Duggan**, age 64, of Charleston, died Saturday. A private graveside service will be held in the Calhoun Baptist Church Cemetery. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

◆ **McMINN WOMAN CHARGED WITH FRAUD**

Emma Martin, 51, of McMinn County has been charged with TennCare fraud in connection with selling prescription drugs she obtained using TennCare benefits. Martin was arrested by the Office of the Inspector General and the McMinn County Sheriff's office. She's charged with using TennCare to obtain the painkiller, Oxycodone, and the anti-anxiety medication Xanax. Authorities say she sold some of the drugs during an undercover drug operation.



Restaurant Inspection Scores

The following restaurants and eating establishments in McMinn County were inspected during July. There were no failures.

- THE WIZARD OF DOGZ, 340 CR 220 - 100**
- BILL'S TOP DOG, 501 MT. HARMONY RD - 100**
- ARBY'S, ATHENS - 99**
- MC'S KITCHEN, 232 CR 728 - 98**
- PAPA JOHNS, ATHENS - 97**
- HARDEE'S, CALHOUN - 97**
- SONIC, ATHENS - 95**

Restaurant inspection information is provided by the McMinn County Health Department. A grade of at least 70 is passing.





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