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Local & Area News

◆ ENGLEWOOD GETS SEWER GRANT

Governor Bill Lee has approved over \$26.7million in Community Development Block Grants which assist communities with infrastructure improvements, housing rehabilitations, and health and safety initiatives. Sixty-six communities received grants. The City of Englewood will receive \$348,285 for Sewer System Improvements. Monroe County will get \$315,000 for EMS Improvements. Tellico Plains will be getting \$525,000 for Water Line Extensions.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Athens City Council holds its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. today at the Municipal Building.
- ✓ Athens Lutheran Church starts a six-week Bible Study on the Miracles of Jesus beginning tomorrow, October 16th, from 7 to 8 p.m. The church is located at 710 Forrest Avenue. Call 745-9419 for more information.
- ✓ E.G. Fisher Public Library presents Fall Break Fun this week. Wednesday, October 16th, at 2 p.m. your kids can test their STEM skills with an egg drop challenge! Kids will create a holder to protect their egg and keep it from breaking during a drop and landing. After creating the egg holders, the Athens Public Works Department will raise the eggs in a bucket truck and let them fall to the pavement. This is recommended for ages 4 and up.

More History from Joe Guy

A monument on the lawn of the Etowah Depot recognizes one of the most highly decorated military units in World War 1, the 3rd Battalion of the 117th Infantry, made up in large part from men hailing from Etowah in Company L, and those from Athens in Company I.

Company L of the 117th was organized as a National Guard Unit in Etowah in 1910. Captain D.W. Lillard became its commanding officer in 1912, and the unit first saw action in 1916, assisting in the hunt for the outlaw Pancho Villa near the Mexican border.

But as World War I escalated in 1917, the 117th was called into active service and sent to Europe in May 1918. That year, Company L served in some of the toughest fighting in Belgium, Ypers-Lys, in the Somme Offensive, and was instrumental in breaking the Hindenburg Line that September. For their bravery and efforts, the McMinn County men were awarded 3 Medals of Honor, Sixteen Distinguished Service Crosses, and many British and French military honors.

The monument at the Etowah Depot was dedicated in 1922, and remains as a testament to these brave local soldiers of the 117th.



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Obituaries

- ♦ **Emma Lou Robinson Morgan**, age 79, of Decatur, died Saturday at Kindred Hospital in Chattanooga. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at Ziegler.
- ♦ **J. L. Perkinson**, age 83, of Decatur, died Sunday at his home. He served in the Air Force for four years, worked for Norfolk Southern Railroad, and then was a construction supervisor for several water treatment plants. He was also a certified electrician. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and again from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.
- ♦ **Jonathon David Roach**, age 52, of Etowah, died Saturday. He was retired from Waupaca. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Companion Funeral Home in Cleveland, with a funeral service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.
- ♦ **Marie "Toni" Collins**, age 69, of Decatur, died Friday. She was born in Racine, WI and lived in Athens for many years. She was an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Army. A memorial service will be planned for a later date. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

Ribbon Cut for New Pharmacy

A ribbon-cutting was held last Friday at Star Valley Pharmacy in downtown Athens. In the photo: (L-R) Brittini Wright (Chamber Diplomat), Athens City Manager C. Seth Sumner, State Rep. Mark Cochran, Athens Mayor Chuck Burris, Cheryl Ingram (County Register of Deeds), Sara Shultz (Star Valley Pharmacy), County Trustee Phil Tuggle, County Mayor John Gentry, Melissa Hale, Owner of Star Valley Pharmacy, Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Laura Smith (Star Valley), Dub Spurling, Karen Raby (Diplomat), Brenda Lowe (Mortgage Investors Group), County Property Assessor Keith Price.

(Photo by Julie Simbeck, Athens Chamber)



TODAY IN HISTORY—OCTOBER 15th

- 1784** - Thomas Hastings (Composer) was born. He composed the music to the hymn, "Rock of Ages."
- 1917** - Gertrude Zelle, the most notorious spy of World War One, was executed by a firing squad. She was known by the name, Mata Hari.
- 1928** - The German dirigible Graf Zeppelin arrived in the United States on its first commercial flight after a four-and-a-half-day trip across the Atlantic.
- 1938** - Singer Marv Johnson was born. His biggest hit record was "You Got What It Takes" in 1959.
- 1946** - Musician Richard Carpenter was born. He and his sister, Karen, performed as The Carpenters, and had many hit records in the 1970's and 1980's.
- 1951** - The black & white TV show "I Love Lucy" premiered on CBS, starring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz. The series co-starred Vivian Vance and William Frawly as the Ricardo's best friends, Ethel and Fred Mertz. It was the top-watched TV show for four seasons.

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