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Brush Fire

The owner of this property on Co Rd 506, Englewood was burning a brush pile close to 2:30 Thursday afternoon when it got out of control burning a 1/2 acre. Englewood Rural Fire Department responded. Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department.



Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The City of Athens City Council will hold its monthly Study Session this evening (Oct. 9th) at 6 p.m. at the Athens City Municipal building. Major items to be discussed will be Dennis Street traffic problems, the cost of Wayfinding signs, and an update on street lighting for Highway 305 and Highway 30 near the I-75 intersections.
- ✓ Today is Columbus Day which is a federal holiday in the United States. Most federal agencies will be closed and some financial institutions may be closed as well. Columbus first went ashore on an island in the Bahamas in Oct. 12, 1492.

FOOTBALL SCORES: McMinn County High School defeated Howard 42-7. Meigs County defeated Pigeon Forge 39-0. Polk County lost to Bledsoe County 6-35. Sweetwater lost Loudon 0-27. Walker Valley lost to East Hamilton 10-17.

LISTENING REMINDER: This week's guest on Main Street Moments will be Brandon Ainsworth, Fire Chief for the City of Athens. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5.

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Obituaries

♦**Marie Harmon Newberry**, age 82, of Etowah, passed away Friday, October 6th. Marie was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church; she was so blessed and thankful to be a part of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church family. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 10th at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Decatur. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 9th at Bordwine Funeral Home. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

♦**Larry R. Blankenship**, age 71 of Athens, passed away Friday, October 6th at his residence. Although it was unexpected by his family, they know God said it was time. He was a veteran of the US Army and a retiree from Olin Chemical. Larry worked hard to provide for his family that he loved. An avid Bass Guitar player he played for many local gospel groups as well as his church. Known as "Dude" by his friends, his favorite titles were Dad and Papa. After the passing of his wife Robyn, of 44 years, God blessed him with a woman that words fall short to describe, Donna Gail Long. Funeral services were held Sunday. Interment will be 11:00 A.M. Monday (today) in Green Hill Cemetery. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

Friendly Fellow Flu Shots

Starr Regional Medical Center is providing flu shots as a fundraiser for the annual Friendly Fellow Club's Christmas Basket Program on Friday, October 20th from 7 a.m. until 12 p.m. Flu shots will be given in the main lobby of Starr Regional Medical Center – Athens. Flu shots are free; but donations are encouraged. All proceeds from the event are used to purchase food for the nearly 500 food baskets distributed to those in need by the Friendly Fellow Club. Flu shots are available to anyone age 18 and older; parents are encouraged to take their children to a pediatrician to receive a flu shot. If you are unable to walk into the lobby, a nurse will be available to administer the shot to you in your vehicle. Simply have a family member enter the lobby and request a nurse to come to the vehicle. "It is important to get vaccinated against the flu every year. It is the best way to protect yourself and others from the flu virus," said Melody Anderson, LPN, CPR Coordinator at Starr Regional Medical Center and co-coordinator of the event. "We encourage members of our community to take part in this event to minimize their risk for flu while supporting our friends and neighbors in need this holiday season." For more information about the Friendly Fellow flu shot event, you may call Melody Anderson at (423) 744-3151 or Joy Daniels at (423) 744-3249.

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