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Athens, Tennessee

First Responders Aide Trauma Patient

Sunday around 1:30pm AMR and Etowah Rural Fire Dept were called to a residence in Riceville on a trauma patient. The patient was transferred to the Claxton Fire Department and then flown by LifeForce to Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga. Claxton Fire Department assisted in setting up the landing zone at the department. Photo courtesy of Etowah Rural Fire Department



LISTENING REMINDER: Today's guest on Main Street Moments will be Stanley Blair. Blair will be discussing the annual celebration and official federal holiday dedicated to Martin Luther King, Jr. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. today on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5.

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax. If you take a newsworthy photograph, e-mail it to: wyxiradio@gmail.com

Closings & Cancellations

- Athens City Schools, Kids Connection and McMinn County Schools closed Tuesday and Wednesday
- Christ Legacy Academy closed Tuesday
- Athens City Council meeting Tuesday night is being rescheduled for January 23rd.
- City of Athens announces the closure of City Hall, Public Works, Animal Shelter, and Recycling Center for Tuesday, January 16.
- City of Athens residential garbage collection will be delayed this week as follows: Monday, January 15 and Tuesday, January 16 will be collected on Wednesday, January 17. Wednesday, January 17 and Thursday, January 18 will be collected on Thursday, January 18. Friday, January 19 will be collected on regular schedule.
- McMinn County Government offices and courts are closed Tuesday
- The Senior Center will be closed today, January 16 and possibly Wednesday January 17
- MEDIC BLOOD CENTER: All mobile drives cancelled and the Athens and Crossville centers are closed for Tuesday. The Ailor Avenue (Knoxville HQ) and Farragut centers will open Tuesday at 10 a.m.

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Obituaries

Obituaries Continued

♦ **Dr. James L. Carter Jr.**, better known as Jay, or to some lucky individuals, "Poppy," age 85, passed away Friday, January 12 at his residence. He loved Christ, adored his family, and his wife Susan, who was the treasure of his life. His hobbies include traveling, reading, gardening, cooking, and fishing. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren playing rook, making millionaires, and telling stories. He was a native of South Pittsburg, and longtime resident of McMinn County. He graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Denistry in 1966. He found joy in serving his community as a Dentist in Athens for over 40 years. He served as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, and Sunday school director at First Baptist Church for many years and later, was a member at Keith Memorial United Methodist Church. In addition, he served on the Board of Directors at Athens Federal for many years. Mere words are not adequate to express the mark Dr. James L. Carter Jr. made on those around him. He was simultaneously an encourager, a mentor, a friend, a servant, and a much-loved man who will be very sorely missed. **A Memorial service will be conducted at 11:00am, Thursday, January 18, at Keith Memorial United Methodist Church. There will be no formal visitation.** Smith Funeral and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Jerry L. Riggs Sr.**, age 77, passed away on January 12, 2024, after a long battle with cancer. He joined the USMC in 1964 where he did two tours of duty in Vietnam. Upon being discharged from the USMC he became a self-employed business

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owner opening Jerry's Garage & Wrecker Service in Athens. He was of the Christian faith and a member of Miracle Deliverance Tabernacle. Visitation will be on Wednesday evening, January 17, from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM in the Athens chapel of Companion Funeral Home. A service celebrating his life will follow the visitation time at 7:00 PM on Wednesday evening at the funeral home. The interment and committal service will take place on Thursday, January 18 at 11:00 AM in the Cochran Cemetery in Englewood. The procession will leave the funeral home on White Street at 10:30 AM on Thursday morning. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

Arrest Reports

From the McMinn County Justice Center

Curtis Jordan, 31 of Etowah, charged by MCSO with theft of property - shoplifting, felony vandalism. \$3000 bond.

Kenterrius McGuffie, 27 of Athens, charged by MCSO with child abuse - aggravated continuous neglect, aggravated rape of a child, especially aggravated sexual exploitation of a minor, sexual exploitation of a minor - over 50 images. \$400,000 bond.

Haleigh Hammonds, 22 of Athens, charged by APD with DUI, driving without due care, failure to maintain lane, open container. \$1500 bond. The accused are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered from public sources.



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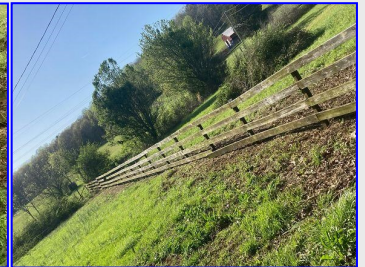
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