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Athens, Tennessee

Fire on County Road 609

Last Wednesday at about 5:30pm, the owner of this property on County Road 609 near Athens was burning trash and papers when the wind spread embers to a field burning approximately 4 acres. Etowah City Fire, Englewood Rural Fire, and Claxton Fire Departments all responded. Assisting at the scene was McMinn County Sheriff's Department. Englewood Rural Fire Captain Jack Ingram was in command of the scene.



Photo Credit: Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept.

Community News You Can Use

✓The Athens City Council will have their regular meeting tonight, March 19th at 6 pm at the Athens City Hall at 815 N. Jackson St. The main highlights on tonight's agenda include the approval of the proposal of \$45,000 for July 4th fireworks, a motion to approve converting Dennis St. at Rocky Mt. Rd. to a four-way stop, a one-year extension of lawn care contracts, and discussion regarding the purchase of a property adjacent to Athens Regional Park, among many other items to come before the City Council.

✓ The Friends of Etowah Carnegie Library will hold their monthly meeting today at 5:30 pm at the library. The meeting is open to the public. Also, today at the Etowah Carnegie Library, celebrate St. Patrick's Day! The library will be hosting a themed story time and craft from 3:30pm-4:30pm. This program is FREE and no registration is required.

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LISTENING REMINDER: Today's guest on Main Street Moments will be Meredith Willson discussing CASA Corridor's Spring Fling. Main Street Moments broadcasts every Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, FM 94.5 and AM 1390.

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Tuesday, March 19, 2024 Morning Fax®...Today's News This Morning Page 2 Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

Orville J. Harris, 84 of Athens, passed away on March 15 at Starr Regional Medical Center. He was born in McMinn County and was a devoted member and deacon of East Athens Baptist Church. Funeral services will be at 7 pm Wednesday March 20th at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 - 7 pm. Graveside services will be at 11 am Thursday at McMinn Memory Gardens. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Jackie Lee Farris, age 55 and a lifelong resident of McMinn County, passed away on March 18. The family will receive friends on March 22 from 5 to 7 pm at Jones Chapel Global United Methodist Church in Athens, followed by a memorial service at 7 pm. Ziegler Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

March Madness

In a recent update on the Tennessee Volunteers basketball teams, the men's squad, initially ranked fifth in the SEC Tournament, faced a setback, falling to ninth-seeded Mississippi State in the quarterfinals with a 73-56 score. Despite this, they secured the second seed in the NCAA tournament's Midwest region and are set to play Saint Peter's in Charlotte, North Carolina, in the second round. Potential future opponents include Texas, Virginia, and Colorado State.

Meanwhile, the Lady Vols continue their impressive streak as the only women's team to never miss an NCAA Tournament. They kick off their postseason journey against Green Bay in Raleigh, North Carolina, as the sixth seed in the Portland regional. If they progress, they're likely to meet NC State in Raleigh. Lady Vols head coach Kellie Harper, coached the Wolfpack from 2009-13. The Lady Vols have claimed eight NCAA championships and made 18 Final Four appearances under the legendary coach Pat Summitt.

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✓ The monthly meeting of the Cherokee Beekeepers Association will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. The meetings take place in the Meeting Room of the AgCentral Farmers Cooperative located at 920 Congress Pkwy. N., Athens, Tn. You do not need to be a member to attend. The public is always welcome.

✓ Pictures have arrived from the 38th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance. Pick them up at City Hall (815 N. Jackson St., Athens) between 8 am and 5 pm.

TODAY IS:

- National Backyard Day
- Spring Begins (Changes Annually)
- National 3-D Day (3rd day of 3rd week in March)
- National Ag Day (Changes Annually)
- National Certified Nurses Day
- National Let's Laugh Day

Obituaries

Barbara McHone Bales of Decatur, passed away on March 15 at her home surrounded by loved ones. She was a devout Baptist. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Clifford Bales, and other family members. Graveside services Wed. March 20th at 1 pm at the Dexter Bales Family Cemetery in Ten Mile. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is handling the arrangements.

Charles Clifford Guinn Jr., 88, of Athens, passed away on March 17th at Dominion Senior Living. He was a longtime resident of McMinn County and worked as an attorney in Athens, serving as Athens City Judge and General Session Judge, and was Etowah City Attorney for 40 years. He was an active member of Mars Hill Presbyterian Church for 40 years and is survived by his wife, children, and extended family. A funeral service will be held Wednesday (3-20) at 1 pm at Smith Funeral Home with visitation at 11 am. Interment following at Lower Spring Creek Cemetery. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is charge.

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