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Athens, Tennessee

Weather Radio Outage to Impact TN and NC Counties This Week

The National Weather Service has announced a scheduled weather radio outage that will affect all Tennessee and North Carolina counties in the region beginning Tuesday, May 27. The outage is expected to last through Friday, May 30, concluding around 4 p.m.

The service disruption, which includes Cherokee and Clay Counties in North Carolina, is due to required upgrades to the NWS's Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System (AWIPS). The outage begins at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

The timing comes as showers are expected each day this week, so residents are encouraged to monitor alternative sources for weather updates.

COUNTIES AFFECTED

Bledsoe, Bradley, Grundy, Hamilton, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, Polk, Rhea, Sequatchie

(See Page 5 for info on how to prepare for bad weather)



- Tuesday-Madisonville: Wil-Sav -10:30 1:30
- Thursday-Athens Family Dollar 10:30 -1:30
- - •Saturday-McMinn Co Airport 11 -1



Two-vehicle crash on Hwy 30E results in no injuries





A two-vehicle collision occurred around 1:30 p.m. Wednesday Highway 30 East at County Road 608 involving a 2012 Ford Edge and a 2015 Dodge Journey. Fortunately, no injuries were reported.

Emergency personnel from Etowah City Fire, Etowah Rural Fire, Englewood Rural Fire, and AMR responded to the scene. The incident

was managed by Etowah Rural Fire Lt. Christian Spurgeon, and the investigation was handled by Tennessee Highway Patrol Trooper Travis Ryans. Photos provided by Lynn Ingram of the Englewood Rural Fire Department.



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Meigs Co. school bus crashes into sedan



A Meigs County school bus was involved in a traffic accident Friday morning. Meigs County Emergency Services (MCES) responded to the

6800 block of Highway 68 on May 23. The driver of the bus, and children inside were unharmed. According to MCES, the driver of the silver vehicle was airlifted to UT Knoxville for further treatment.

Originally Written by Rainey Randolph, WDEF

LISTENING REMINDER: TODAY on *Main Street Moments*: Host Maggie Blaine invites **Meredith Willson** to discuss MooFest 2025. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. TODAY on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5.

See ad on Page 5

Community News You Can Use

- The Athens City Schools Board of Education will hold their Work Session for May on Wednesday, May 28 at the Administration Building beginning at noon.
- The Meigs County Historical Museum will be hosting an event titled "Roots of Resilience - Voices of Meigs County Farmers," on Sunday, June 8 at 2:00pm at the Meigs County Historical Museum (200 Smith Ave., Decatur). Read Full Story on Page 4
- There will be an Athens Main Street Business Owners' Meeting on Thursday, May 29 at 6:00pm at the Food Hub (3 W. College Street, Athens). This is an opportunity to connect with fellow Main Street business owners, share ideas for strengthening the downtown area and explore ways to collaborate and promote each other. Plus, those who attend will be among the first to sample some of the new menu items being offered at The Food Hub.





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Athens, Tennessee

Tennessee Wesleyan Celebrates 100 Years of Sullivan Award Legacy



TWU President, Dr. Tyler Forrest

Tennessee Wesleyan University recently hosted a special luncheon to honor the legacy of the Sullivan Awards and the many individuals who have embodied its mission of service and character over the past century. The event brought together past recipients and supporters to celebrate a tradition that continues to shape lives and communities.

Each year, Tennessee Wesleyan presents the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award to both a male and female student, as well as a male and female community member, recognizing those who exemplify noble character and selfless service to others.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Sullivan Awards, a milestone in servant leadership and social impact.

Founded in 1934 by George Sullivan in memory of his parents, the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation partners with colleges and universities across the American South to promote social entrepreneurship, leadership, and compassion through scholarships and recognition programs.

As Tennessee Wesleyan reflects on this century-long tradition, the university continues to honor those whose actions make a lasting difference in the lives of others. *Source: Tennessee Wesleyan University - Facebook*







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Athens, Tennessee

"Roots of Resilience" to Spotlight Stories of Meigs County Farmers

The Meigs County Historical Society (MCHS) invites the public to a special community event, *Roots of Resilience – Voices of Meigs County Farmers*, on Sunday, June 8 at 2:00 p.m. The program will take place at the Meigs Co. Historical Museum, located at 200 Smith Avenue in Decatur.

More than just a celebration of agriculture, this event brings to life the personal stories behind the work of local farmers—their connection to the land, their daily challenges, and the passion that fuels their work. It's a tribute to the essential role that farming plays not only in our economy but in our cultural identity.

The project began when Peggy Douglas sat down with Larry Mitchell, UT/TSU Extension agent for Meigs County, and Paulette Jones, Director of the MCHS. Together, they sought to preserve the voices and stories of a diverse group of Meigs Co. farmers. Through oral history interviews, the goal has been to document how these individuals are stewarding the land for future generations and to inspire continued engagement in sustainable and profitable farming.

The event will feature a staged reading of these collected stories, offering an intimate and powerful look into the lives of those who work the soil and feed our communities. *Roots of Resilience* is free and open to everyone. All are encouraged to attend and celebrate the legacy, labor, and resilience of Meigs County farmers.

Athens Street Closures

The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following street closures:

Madison Avenue from Hill Street to Green Street
Washington Avenue from Hill Street to Green Street
Hornsby Street from Church Street to Long Street
White Street from College Street to Bank Street
N. Jackson Street from College Street to Highway 30
Long Street from Washington Avenue to Madison Avenue
Baxter Street from Washington Avenue to Highway 30

These preceding closures will be from Friday, June 6, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. until Saturday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m. Detours will be posted. The purpose of this closing is for the 2025 MooFest.

Madison Ave & Washington Ave from Cook Dr to Green St White St & Jackson St from Washington Ave to Madison Ave

Construction crews will be milling the asphalt road surface from Monday, May 26 until Friday, May 30 from 7:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m. nightly. Due to the road surface being milled from curb to curb, there will be *NO PARK-ING* allowed on Madison Ave, Washington Ave, White St, and Jackson St during the hours of 7:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m. Please be aware that vehicles parked in the path of the milling contractor may be towed. The purpose of this notice is for roadway improvements. For more information, please contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.







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Athens, Tennessee

Weather Safety Tips during Radio Outage

With weather radios temporarily offline this week for AWIPS system upgrades, it's especially important to stay alert and prepared as storms move through the region. Here are key safety tips to help you stay safe during bad weather:

Secure Outdoor Items – Bring in or tie down lawn furniture, patio umbrellas, and anything else that could become a dangerous projectile in high winds.

Be Cautious on the Roads – If travel is necessary, drive slowly and watch for slick roads, high winds, and flooded areas. *Never attempt to drive through standing water.*

Charge Up – Make sure your cell phone, power banks, and other essential devices are fully charged in case of power outages.

Prepare Supplies – Keep flashlights, extra batteries, and bottled water easily accessible.

Stay Away from Downed Power Lines – Never touch or go near a downed power line. Call 911 and report it immediately.

Stay informed through local news, mobile weather apps, and community alerts while the weather radio system is down. Safety first!

Obituaries

Thomas "Joe" Paul, 63 of Athens, passed away on Friday, May 16. He was a retired Journeyman Electrician who worked for Miller Construction Company. A graveside service will be 3 pm Tuesday, May 27 at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Connie Woodbury, 78, of Riceville, passed away on Thursday May 22. A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 28 in Green Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Gerald Vibbert, 86, passed away Sunday morning, May 25 at his home in Athens. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by Smith Funeral and Cremation Services of Athens.



