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Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ ISO RATING DROPS FOR ETOWAH RFD

Chief Brandon Frost announces that the Etowah Rural Fire Department's ISO rating has dropped from a "Class 9" to a "Class 4/4x." He says the new rating goes into effect on August 1st. It means savings on your homeowner insurance premiums if you live within five miles of the fire station and within 1,000 feet of a utility fire hydrant. Your classification will be 4. If you live outside of the five mile distance or are not within 1,000 feet of a hydrant, you will still save money by using the class 4x. Chief Frost says this is a major milestone for the Etowah Rural Fire Department.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Athens City Council will hold a budget work session this afternoon at 4 in the Athens Municipal Building Training Room.
- ✓ You are invited to join members from Leadership McMinn and the Athens Public Works and Parks departments on a guided tour of the Eagle Trail this Thursday, May 14, at 6 p.m. Meet at 2521 Redfern Drive off Congress Parkway near Dooley Tractor Co.
- ✓ The Athens Travelers Car Club will hold its monthly "Cruise-In" this Saturday afternoon and evening at Market Pavilion.

NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS

◆ In a report released by the Labor Department, the number of available jobs fell in March as companies filled more of their open positions. The report also showed an increase in people quitting their jobs which analysts say is a good sign because workers generally quit when they have a new job, often at higher pay.

◆ Wall Street closed slightly lower Tuesday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed down 36.94 at 18,068.23. The Nasdaq dipped 17.38 to 4,976.19, while the S&P 500 closed at 2,099.12, dropping a slim 6.21.

SEQUOYAH HIGH SCHOOL PRANK UPDATE

In the latest fallout from the vandalism at Sequoyah High School in Monroe County a week-and-a-half ago, two Madisonville police officers have been suspended for failing to alert supervisors. The officers were seen on a school surveillance video talking with School Resource Officer James Fischer outside the school. Madisonville Police Chief Gregg Breeden says his officers spoke with Fischer, then left the scene. He says they should have alerted their superiors about what was taking place at the school. The students who were involved in the vandalism will not be allowed to participate in graduation exercises. However, some of their parents say they plan to hold a separate graduation ceremony.



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HONORS FOR TWC NURSING STUDENT

A Tennessee Wesleyan College nursing student and a nursing professor were honored recently at the Tennessee Nurses Association District 2 Celebrate Nursing event. TWC nursing professor Glenda Ramsey was awarded the Clinical Award. TWC nursing student Katie Thomas was presented an award for Student Excellence. Katie is the TWC senior class president and has participated in a RAM clinic and a medical mission trip to Costa Rica.

(The photo shows Katie Thomas with Dr. Robert Cornette, Associate Dean for Nursing at TWC)



Obituaries

• **Berniece Thompson**, age 84, of Athens died last Thursday. She was a seamstress for American Uniform. A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

• **Deborah Kay Ball Morgan**, age 60, of Etowah died Sunday at Etowah Healthcare. She was born in Chattanooga and spent the last six years in McMinn County. The family will hold private services at a later date. Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge.

ATHENS FIRE DEPT. WARNS OF OXYGEN DANGERS

The presence of portable medical oxygen in Tennessee homes has grown over the past decade, and so has the need for education about the fire hazards associated with its use. Athens Fire Chief Jim Dyer says medical oxygen adds a higher percentage of oxygen to the air and any fire that starts in an oxygen-enriched area will burn hotter and faster than usual. He offers the following safety tips:

- Patients on oxygen should never smoke.
- Candles, matches, and wood stoves can be ignition sources and should not be used in homes where oxygen is in use.
- Never use aerosol sprays near the oxygen.
- Ensure smoke alarms are working by testing them monthly.
- Practice a home fire escape plan with two ways out of every room.

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