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Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ FIRE DESTROYS OUT-BUILDING

The Englewood, Etowah, and Athens Rural Fire Departments responded to a structure fire call on County Road 435 Sunday afternoon.

When they arrived, they found an out-building was fully involved and there were several explosions. The fire caused minor damage to a nearby residence. Englewood Rural Fire Chief Billy Roach was in charge of the scene.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram with the Englewood Rural Fire Department)



National - World News

◆ The man authorities suspect of being behind the New Year's Eve attack on an Istanbul nightclub has been captured alive. The alleged attacker was caught with his son in a raid conducted in a suburb of Istanbul.

◆ Monica Crowley, who was President-elect Donald Trump's pick for senior director of strategic communications for his National Security Council, said Monday she will not be taking the position in the Trump Administration.

◆ Noor Salman, the wife of the gunman who carried out a mass shooting at a gay nightclub in Orlando, was arrested by the FBI on Monday in San Francisco. Salman was charged with obstruction of justice and aiding and abetting her husband, Omar Mateen, in his attempted provision and provision of material support to ISIS.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ An adult softball tournament to aid "Tornado Victims of McMinn County" will be held this Saturday, January 21st, at the Athens Regional Park. The entry fee is \$150. Organizer Chris Miller says 100% of the proceeds will go to the victims of the tornado. Ten men's teams have signed up for the tournament, with the opening ceremony at 7:45 a.m. this Saturday and the first game starting at 8 a.m. There will also be a silent auction. Admission is free. Miller says volunteers are needed to assist in the tournament. For more information, call 865-696-6073.

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Tuesday - 80% rain & t'storms. High 66.

Wednesday - Mostly cloudy. High 56.

Thursday - Mostly cloudy. 90% rain. High 63.

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Athens, Tennessee

After School Program Gets Grant

The Etowah United Fund (EUF) recently awarded a grant to the Wesley After School Program located at Wesley Memorial Church in Etowah. The WASP program provides a variety of classes each day to educate children with their studies. The photo shows Thom Johnson on the left and April Preston on the right as they present the grant to Wesley Memorial Pastor Wayne Hickman and Brandi Spann, director of WASP.

(Photo by Durant Tullock)



Obituaries

- ♦ **Joe D. Smith**, age 89, of Niota, died Sunday at his residence. Funeral arrangements will be announced by M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens.
- ♦ **Mary Helen Powell Herndon Byers**, age 70, of Knoxville, died November 21st at her residence. A private burial was held Friday at Green Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ A contract between the City of Athens and Seth Sumner was concluded yesterday between Athens Mayor Chuck Burris and Sumner, who will become the new Athens City Manager. Sumner's starting salary will be \$92,000, and he will start his new position the first week of February. He is currently the Assistant City Manager in Savannah, Tennessee, and will be giving them a two week notice.
- ✓ The McMinn/Meigs Ag Roundtable will meet this Thursday at 7 a.m. at Shoney's. The guest speaker will be Jim Gentry of the Cherokee Beekeepers Association. The public is invited. Breakfast will be Dutch treat.
- ✓ Women at the Well will have their 5th annual Polar Bear Walk on Saturday, February 18th, at 2 p.m. For information, call 745-0010.



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