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Fires in Athens & Etowah

A fire caused extensive smoke and water damage to the Tennessee Career Center on N. Congress Parkway Thursday morning. Athens Fire Chief Jim Dyer says the fire started in the ceiling and attic above a bathroom. A "full page" for firefighters was dispatched. Chief Dyer says the cause of the fire is undetermined. A mobile coach was sent so the Career Center could serve its clientele during the day.

A fire Wednesday night in Etowah destroyed a house at 516 Eighth Street (right). The house was fully involved when the Etowah City Fire Department arrived. The Etowah Rural and Englewood Fire Departments responded for mutual aid. Etowah City Fire Captain Adam Hafley was in charge.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram with the Englewood Rural Fire Dept.)



National & World News

- ◆ A report from the American Society of Civil Engineers gives American infrastructure a D+ grade, and says that the proposed trillion dollars in funding upgrades would not be enough.
- ◆ The FBI is investigating the source of documents published by WikiLeaks that purport to be from the CIA. WikiLeaks published more than 8,000 pages of documents that it says are classified files from the CIA that reveal secrets about agency hacking tools used to break into computers, cell phones and smart TVs.
- ◆ A good Samaritan waiting at a train crossing Wednesday in Saddle Brook, New Jersey, leaped out of his car and pulled a woman to safety just moments before the train passed by. He said he knew he had to help the woman, who was walking with two canes and was between the transit warning gates as the train approached.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ A free Organic Gardening Class will be held on March 18th at 1 p.m. at the Etowah Community Center. It's an opportunity to learn how to grow more food using less water, less and better fertilizer, and zero toxic pesticides.
- ✓ You are invited to support your local Hustlers Basketball by eating at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Etowah this coming Monday, March 13th, from 5 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$6 per plate and you get your choice of pancakes and sausage OR biscuits and gravy. Tickets are available from any player or at the door.



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Friday - Mostly cloudy. 20% rain. High 54.
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Sunday - Cloudy. High 46.
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Church News and Events

- ✓ The Prom Shop at Christ Community Church on S. Congress Parkway in Athens will be open on Saturday, March 18th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be free formal attire for any girl or guy wishing to attend their prom or dance.
- ✓ Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church of Etowah will have their Second Sunday Singing this Sunday at 6 p.m. The singing will feature the Teen Challenge Choir from Knoxville with inspiring songs and stories of freedom from addiction.
- ✓ St. Mark AME Zion Church will have a Men's Day Breakfast on Saturday, March 11th, at 9 a.m. The speaker will be Rev. Larry Woods. Tickets are \$5. The speaker on Sunday, March 12th, at the 11 a.m. Men's Day Service will be Rev. Alvin Gwethney.
- ✓ St. Paul's Episcopal Church located at 123 South Jackson Street presents a Choral Evensong for the Feast of The Annunciation this Sunday, March 12th, at 5 p.m.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The McMinn County High School Hall of Fame Committee invites the community, past coaches, faculty, alumni, and past Hall of Fame recipients to the annual Hall of Fame Banquet on Saturday, March 18th, at MCHS. Social hour is 4 to 5 with dinner at 5 p.m. Call 745-4142 for reservations and tickets.

Obituaries

- ◆ **Wanda Mae Creasman Burris**, age 85, of Athens, died Wednesday at Etowah Healthcare. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Cedar Grove Cemetery with visitation from 12 to 2 p.m. Saturday at Ziegler Funeral Home of Athens.
- ◆ **Jimmy Edgar Herrell**, age 81, of Athens, died Wednesday at his residence. A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at his residence. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.
- ◆ **Ronnie D. Moses**, age 63, of Englewood, died Wednesday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Etowah. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.
- ◆ **Richard W. Poirier**, age 66, of Etowah, died Thursday at Life Care Center of Athens. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.
- ◆ **Bobbi-Jo Pellizzari**, age 49, of Etowah, died Wednesday at her residence. She was a cook at the Farmhouse for 18 years. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday.
- ◆ **Barbara Raper Slack**, age 84, of Englewood, died Thursday at Starr Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 2.46 at 20,858.19. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 1.89 at 2,364.87, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 1.26 at 5,838.81.

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