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Tuesday, August 22, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

### STATE & LOCAL NEWS

#### ◆ THOUSANDS IN ATHENS FOR THE ECLIPSE

The crowds in the Athens area for Monday's Total Solar Eclipse

exceeded everyone's expectations. The Athens Regional Park had to be closed to additional vehicles by noon. Parks Director Austin Fesmire and Athens Police said the crowds were over 16,000 people, the largest crowd ever at the



Photo by Morning Fax® Staff

lawn of the L&N Depot. He says he talked to people from 18 different countries. More than 50 planes flew into the McMinn County Airport. Officials say the airport was a perfect place for viewing the eclipse.



Photo by Durant Tullock in Etowah Durant Tullock of Chamber Etowah Commerce estimates 20,000 people in and around the



Photo by Bruce Hari in Niota

### **National & World News**

A historic total solar eclipse arced across the United States from west to east on Monday. Millions of people gathered in its relatively narrow path to watch. This is the first total solar eclipse to traverse the continental United States in decades and first made contact over Lincoln City, Oregon around 10:15 PDT and left the East Coast just after 4 p.m. ET. The last time the contiguous United States saw a total solar eclipse was Feb. 26, 1979. The path of totality in 1979 crossed the Pacific Northwest.

The couple on the left below drove to Athens from Webster, New York, to see the eclipse. They stopped at the Mayfield Visitor's Center for ice cream. The young ladies on the right are from Huntsville, Alabama. Their parents used paper plates to hold their eclipse glasses in place. They viewed the eclipse from Ingleside School. Photos by Cheri Harrison of The Morning Fax.





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clouds. High near 90.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Tuesday - Sunshine and some

Wednesday - T'storms likely.

Wed Night - Mostly cloudy.

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Thursday - Partly cloudy. High

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Athens, Tennessee

### Two Wrecks Sunday On Highway 307

There were two separate traffic crashes on Highway 307 on Sunday. In the first, the driver of a 2001 Honda Civic (below) failed to negotiate a curve at County Road 364 at 6:30 a.m. Sunday. The car flipped over several times, with the driver ejected into the field. He was identified as Deandre Allen of Madisonville. He was transported by AMR to UT Medical Center where he was pronounced dead. The Niota and Englewood Rural Fire Departments and the McMinn County Sheriff's Office responded. THP Officer Travis Ryans investigated.



The second wreck happened at 6 p.m. Sunday at Highway 307 and County Road 422. The driver lost control and rolled a 1995 Ford Ranger (pictured to the right) multiple times. He was not injured. The Niota and Englewood Rural Fire Departments, AMR, and the McMinn County Sheriff's Office responded.

### **Obituaries**

• **Dollie M. Shell,** age 72, of Riceville, died Monday at her residence. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

#### **♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**

✓ The Cherokee Beekeepers meet tonight at 7 at AgCentral Farmer's Co-op in Athens. The topic is "Products of the Hive." Bring a jar of honey to have the moisture checked.

Wreck photos by Lynn Ingram with the Englewood Rural Fire Department.





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