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Monday, August 28, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ TRUCK WRECKS ON HIGHWAY 307

The driver of a 1997 Chevy Pickup Truck lost control of the vehicle and rolled it several times around 8 a.m. Saturday. The truck came to rest in a ditch near the Deerfield Estates. The driver was transported to Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens by AMR for treatment. Englewood and Niota Rural Fire Departments, AMR, McMinn County Sheriff's Department and the Tennessee Highway Patrol all responded to the scene. THP officer Barger investigated the accident. The photo is by Lynn Ingram with Englewood Rural Fire Department.



National & World News

- ◆ Texas Governor Greg Abbott said flooding in Houston from Tropical Storm Harvey may be the worst the city has ever seen. Harvey, which hit the Texas coast Friday night as a Category 4 hurricane with 130 mph winds and has since been downgraded to a tropical storm, has so far left at least two people dead. The storm is lingering over the Houston area, causing severe flooding that is expected to grow worse over the next few days, with a total of up to about 3 feet in rain possible through Wednesday.
- ◆ President Trump has signed a memo that formally directs the Pentagon to ban transgender individuals from openly serving in the U.S. military. The directive gives the Department of Defense six months to develop an implementation plan that will go into effect on March 23, 2018.
- ◆ The U.S. Navy said divers had recovered a second body from the USS John S. McCain, which struck a merchant ship near Singapore last week. The sailor was identified as Electronics Technician 3rd Class Dustin Louis Doyon, 26, a native of Connecticut. Divers found the body of a sailor in the ship's flooded compartments earlier. The Navy identified him as Electronic Technician 3rd Class Kenneth Aaron Smith, 22, of New Jersey.
- ◆ U.S. Border Patrol agents have discovered a tunnel near the Mexican border near San Diego that was used to smuggle people into the country. Customs and Border Patrol agents arrested 30 people who were in the U.S. illegally.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Monday - Mostly cloudy.
 High 83 to 85. <10% rain.
Mon. night - Cloudy. Low near 60. <10% rain.
Tuesday - Partly cloudy.
 High 84 to 86. <20% rain.
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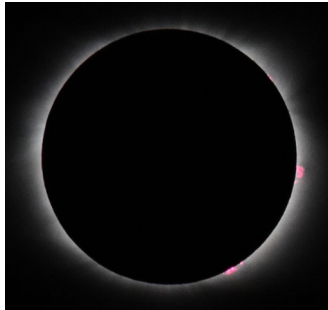
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MORE GREAT ECLISPE PIX

More than 100 airplanes with more than 300 people flew into the McMinn County Airport (MMI) last Monday to view the eclipse. Jim Gentry sent us this photo on the right of some of the visitors getting themselves comfortable to see the eclipse.



Gene Coleman of Englewood sent us this photo of the total eclipse. He took this with a 300 mm telephoto lens and a DSLR camera from his backyard. The corona of the sun is clearly seen and the pinkish color on the right and to the bottom right of the eclipse are solar flares.



Obituaries

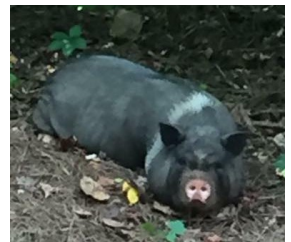
♦ **William Thomas "Will" Matthews, II**, age 29, of Riceville, died last Thursday at his residence. He worked on the Matthews farm. Graveside services were held Sunday afternoon in Upper Spring Creek Cemetery in Riceville. Ziegler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

◆ FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

High School Week 2: Farragut 34, McMinn County 14; Sequoyah 21, McMinn Central 14; Meigs County, 42, Hixon 15; Bradley Central 52, Walker Valley 7; East Ridge 35, Polk County 32; Sweetwater, 27, Rockwood 18. The University of Tennessee begins the 2017 football season on Labor Day next Monday, September 4th. They travel to Atlanta and will play Georgia Tech in the Chick-fil-A Kickoff Classic at the new Mercedes-Benz Stadium at 8 p.m. TV coverage will be on ESPN.

◆ HUNT FOR PIGFOOT COMES TO AN END

The elusive and "non-catchable" potbelly pig known as "Pigfoot" is no more. The object of a community wide effort to catch her is over. Larry Eaton, who began the effort, tells the MORNING FAX that she was struck and killed by a car last Friday around 5:30 a.m. (Photo by Larry Eaton)



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