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SUV Wrecks; Driver Missing

Around 3:30 a.m. Saturday, emergency responders received a call of a wreck on County Road 461 near Englewood. A 2003 GMC Envoy was found on its top with the windshield missing and no driver. While a search was going on for the driver of the SUV, the driver of a 1991 Honda Accord hit the SUV. The driver of the Honda was an apparent DUI. As of Sunday evening, the driver of the SUV was still missing and the license tag on it did not match the vehicle. Responders included: Englewood Rural Fire, AMR, McMinn County Sheriff's Department, Englewood Police and THP Officer Gordon Roberts who investigated the wreck. Photo by Lynn Ingram with Englewood Rural Fire Department.



YMCA Pool to Close

Due to the possibility of falling debris, the swimming pool at the Athens-McMinn YMCA will be closed all of this week due to a total roof replacement. Should the weather not cooperate, the closure may be extended.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Sunday P.M.

Tennessee: 744,600 cases, up 2,387. 10,649 deaths, up 6.

COUNTY	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	5,515	5,201	230	84
Meigs	1,245	1,177	49	19
Monroe	4,991	4,666	245	80
Polk	1,617	1,504	92	21
Bradley	11,954	11,263	563	128
Rhea	4,069	3,874	130	65

FRIDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks finished higher for the fifth day in a row. The January jobs report was the market's main focus. The U.S. economy added 49,000 jobs in January, below the 100,000 expected.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 92.38 to 31,148.24. The Nasdaq was up 78.55 to 13,856.30, and the S&P 500 was up 15.09 to 3,886.83.

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Simmons Bank on Park Street is now collecting the following items for the benefit of St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Grace House:

- Laundry Detergent
- Toothbrushes
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Socks
- Deodorant
- Coffee

Items can be brought to the Park Street lobby or drive thru from February 3rd - 10th located at 2 Park Street.

The Grace House, a homeless shelter for addicted men, was founded as a community outreach effort by St. Paul's Episcopal Church. It consists of two homes in downtown Athens that can house up to 14 residents. The Grace House has always been a beacon of hope for those in need.

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- Monday-Sweetwater-Little Drugs-10:30 - 2:00
- Tuesday-Madisonville - WilSav - 10:30 - 2:00
- Wednesday-Etowah-10:30 - 2:00 (across from Johnson's Dept Store)
- Thursday-Athens PaPaw's Place-10:30 - 2:00
- Friday-Sweetwater-Little Drugs-10:30 - 2:30



WEATHER FORECAST

Monday - Sunny & cloudy. High 56.
Mon. night - Clear early in p.m. then turning cloudy. Low 41.
Tuesday - Cloudy. High 58.
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Obituaries - continued

♦ **Johnny M. Harrison, Sr.**, age 69, of Cleveland, died Thursday at his home. He was formerly employed with the Bradley County Nursing Home as a CNA and Funeral Assistant with M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home for over 25 years. Funeral services were held Sunday at M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home in Cleveland with internment at the Fort Hill Cemetery in Cleveland.

♦ **Susan Joy Ware Rogers**, age 74, of Decatur, died Friday at her home. She was the co-owner and operator of the hometown restaurant, The Gathering Place. No formal services will be held and Decatur Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Claude "Butch" Reattoir**, age 77, of Decatur, died Friday, at Life Care Center of Rhea County. He was a U.S. Army veteran having served in Europe as a Tank Commander. A funeral service will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Decatur Funeral Home with visitation from 5-7 p.m.

♦ **Cody Alan Norton**, age 27, of Athens, died last Wednesday at his home. No public services will be held.

♦ **John William Varner, Jr.**, of Etowah, died February 2nd in Knox County. He was a veteran and had a distinguished career in law enforcement for 39 years. He joined the McMinn County Sheriff's Department in 1990 and later retired after 15 years with the Etowah Police Department. No public services will be held.

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♦ **Franklin David "Frank" Waters**, age 77, of Sweetwater, and a longtime resident of Ten Mile, died Thursday at his residence. He was the butcher and former meat market manager at Piggly Wiggly in Decatur for over 30 years. There will be no visitation or funeral service. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

♦ **Wanda Buckner Armstrong Wilson**, age 81, of Etowah, died Thursday at Etowah Healthcare Center. A funeral service was held Sunday afternoon at Bordwine Funeral Home with internment following in the Mars Hill Cemetery.

♦ **George Ross Harrod**, age 89, of Etowah, died Friday at his residence. He was a veteran of the Korean War serving in the U.S. Army. He had worked for Southern Railway & Southern Wood Piedmont. Services were held Sunday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with internment in Cedar Grove Cemetery.


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CLOUD WATCHERS TAKE NOTE

Jennifer Hardison sent us this photo she snapped recently. She described as a "Hole in the Sky." Or perhaps you might describe it as a "Giant Powdered Sugar Doughnut" or a "Really Big Smoke Ring." No matter what you call it, it is most unusual.

