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Athens, Tennessee

House Fire & Other News

The Niota and Athens Rural Fire Departments battled a working structure fire Monday morning on Green Street in Niota. Homeowners were able to evacuate before crews arrived. The house suffered a lot of damage before firefighters were able to get it under control. The Red Cross was called to help the family. Training Officer Chad Gates was in charge of the scene. (Photo by Cody Millsaps with the North McMinn Fire and Rescue)



✓ E.G. Fisher Public Library welcomes Meleena Livesay as the library's new Program Director. Meleena originally joined E.G. Fisher as a library clerk in early 2021. Following the departure of the previous program director, Cody Dishner, Meleena quickly stepped up to help with library programs during the interim period. Meleena graduated from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga with a bachelor's degree in Environmental Science. She also volunteers at her church in the nursery and children's church.

✓ In a move that will be good for all of AUB's power customers, the wintertime power rate from Athens Utilities Board for February is falling as the TVA fuel cost drops. AUB's winter base rate remains the same as January, but TVA has a lower fuel cost for February.

Giant Snowman

Neighbors on Sweetfield Valley Road in Athens built a seven-foot snowman during Sunday's snow. (Pictured, L-R: Sam Goodin, Jack Goodin, Wilson Scarbrough, Andy Towne, and James Scarbrough. (Photo from Rodney Scarbrough)



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Wednesday - Cloudy. Possible rain in p.m. High 50.

Wed. night - Possible rain mixed with snow. Low 36.

Thursday - Possible rain & snow showers with little or no accumulation. High 37.

Thursday night - Cloudy and cold. Low 23.

More Weather at: wxyi.com

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

- ♦ **David Ray Burger**, age 77, of Englewood, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. He was a lifelong resident of McMinn County and retired from Athens Stove Works / Electrolux with over 38 years of service. A funeral service will be Thursday at 6 p.m. at Smith Funeral and Cremation Services with visitation from 4 to 6 p.m. prior to the service. A committal service will be Friday at 1:30 p.m. at McMinn Memory Gardens.
- ♦ **Aletta "TT" McKeehan**, age 47, of the Idlewild Community, died Saturday. The family will receive friends on Friday, January 21st, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Good Samaritan Funeral Home in Athens.
- ♦ **Edward Lee "Fido" Hyde**, age 73, of Niota, died Monday. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home of Athens.

GUN SEIZURES UP AT AIRPORTS

Transportation Security Administration officers at Tennessee airports discovered a total of 283 firearms in travelers' carry-on luggage in 2021. Nashville International Airport found 163 guns during routine screening. Travelers can face civil penalties for bringing firearms to the security checkpoint. Among factors TSA considers when determining the civil penalty amount includes whether the firearm was loaded and whether there was accessible ammunition. The penalty can go up to \$13,900 per violation.

More Restaurant Inspection Scores

The following restaurants in Etowah and Englewood were inspected between December 9th and December 28th. There were no failures.

- Yahweh's Café, Etowah - 100**
- The Scoop Shoppe, Etowah - 100**
- Tellico Junction Restaurant, Englewood - 99**
- Subway, Englewood - 99**
- Hardee's, Etowah - 99**
- McDonald's, Etowah - 99**
- Farmhouse Family Restaurant, Etowah - 99**
- Hong Kong King Buffet, Etowah - 97**
- Tom Thumb Diner, Etowah - 97**
- Smooth Moves Smoothie Shop, Etowah - 97**
- Mexi-Wing, Etowah - 95**
- Pepo's Burrito Bar, Etowah - 95**
- Michael's of Etowah - 94**

GAS PRICES INCHING HIGHER

Tennessee's gas price average rose a penny from last week. The AAA says the price of regular unleaded gasoline in Chattanooga is now \$2.96 per gallon. In Knoxville, it is \$3.02 per gallon. Nashville's average was \$3.058. Here in Athens, prices per gallon were around \$2.89.

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TODAY IN HISTORY - JANUARY 19th

- 1736** - Scottish inventor James Watt was born. He designed the engine that made steam power practical.
- 1807** - Robert E. Lee was born in 1807 in Virginia. He was the commander of the Confederate Army in the Civil War. Reportedly, he never smoked, drank alcohol, or used obscene language. He spent his final years after the war as president of Washington College in Lexington, Virginia. It was named Washington and Lee University after his death.
- 1809** - Edgar Allen Poe, poet and author, was born. His poem "The Raven" is one of the best-known poems in American literature.
- 1939** - Singer Phil Everly of the Everly Brothers was born. The brothers' hit records included "Bird Dog," "Wake Up Little Susie," and "Crying In The Rain."
- 1946** - Singer and businesswoman Dolly Parton was born in Sevierville. She has had scores of hit records and starred in several movies. In 1986, she opened the Dollywood theme park.