

Thursday, February 10, 2022

Two Die In Niota House Fire

Firefighters responded to a house on County Road 361 near Niota just after 4 a.m. Wednesday. Upon arrival of the fire departments, the structure was fully involved and there were two fatalities. The names of the victims have not been released. The TBI Bomb and Arson Squad was called to investigate. The Athens Rural, Englewood Rural, and Niota Rural Fire Departments responded. Athens Rural Fire Chief Chuck Burris was in command of the scene.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



Community News You Can Use

 \checkmark The City of Niota will have drive-thru COVID testing starting Monday, Feb. 14th, and continuing weekly on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. For information, call 1-800-336-9507. Rapid tests are available.

♦ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE

Weekly Summary: 01/30/22 - 02/05/22

There were 10,264 cases (per day) and 65 deaths (per day) last week

Tennessee:	1,938,323 Total Cases - 23,029 Total Deaths		
COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	16,114	1,643	218
Meigs	3,244	268	52
Monroe	13,949	1,097	206
Polk	4,481	329	53
Bradley	32,167	2,211	363
Rhea	9,654	630	139
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Covid-19 update information from the Tennessee Department of Health is updated on Saturday and posted to their website each Wednesday.





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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

• Travis Sterling Steven Caldwell II (known as "T"), of Athens, died January 31st. He was a heavy equipment operator for Road WORX Inc. of Knoxville. A Celebration of Life will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 15th, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home.

• Johnny Crumley, age 72, died Feb. 7th at his home. He served in the Army. There has been a change in the location of the graveside service. It will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10th, at Roberts Cemetery in Ten Mile. Decatur Funeral Home will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. prior to the graveside service for those who wish to pay their respects.

• Mary Key, age 87, of Cleveland, died Sunday, Feb. 6th, at her residence. She was retired from Athens Products. A Celebration of Life for Mary Opal Goforth Morrow Key will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Companion Funeral Home of Cleveland, with visitation from 12 noon until 2. Interment will follow the service in the Short Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

Etowah Gets New Library Director

The Etowah Carnegie Library has a new director. She is Trish

Mobley. Trish has been a resident of McMinn County since November 2006. She has a background in Early Childhood Education. She recently resigned from Mountain View School where she worked as a Paraprofessional. She says she loves the residents of McMinn County and the rich heritage of the Etowah area. She loves to read, and especially children's books. Trish says her hobbies include going to church and singing with the Worship Team, spending time with her husband, their children, and walking in the great outdoors. She says new library hours starting Feb. 14th will be Monday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 10 a.m.



to 8 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Closed on Sundays.

