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Thursday, June 23, 2022

Athens, Tennessee

Wreck on CR 408 - Englewood

The driver of a 2008 Ford TRX lost control on Co Rd 408, Englewood around 9:30 Tuesday night traveling through a yard hitting an outbuilding injuring the driver, who was transferred to Starr Regional Athens by AMR. Englewood Rural Fire, McMinn County and Monroe County Sheriff's Dept all responded along with THP Officer John Wayne Irwin who investigated the accident. Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept



Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The Athens City Council voted 4 to 1 on final reading at Tuesday's council meeting to pass a 19.5 million dollar budget for the upcoming fiscal year which begins on July 1st. The new budget included a 5% raise for city employees and a single budget amendment passed that will increase the Maintenance of Effort payment by 3% to the E. G. Fisher Public Library.
- ✓ Wayne Scarbrough of Athens Utilities Board (AUB) issued the following press release: The extreme heat across the Valley continues to cause a tight power supply across the Tennessee Valley. As a result, TVA asks that all electric power customers reduce their use of electricity as much as possible until further notice. AUB has already cut back on power use in its facilities by adjusting thermostats, reducing lighting and taking other measures to reduce electricity consumption. TVA officials ask all electric power users—residential, commercial and industrial—to cooperate in reducing power usage during this critical situation. Customers should: Turn off lights, appliances, and electrical equipment when not in use and until absolutely needed. Reduce the use of cooling by adjusting thermostats to at least 78 degrees, higher if possible. Postpone all uses of hot water and avoid using electric dryers. Limit all cooking. The Morning Fax and WYXI Radio FM 94.5 and AM 1390 will provide status reports on the power situation as they become available.
- ✓ Athens City Schools Pre K registration packets are now available for the 2022-2023 school year. They can be picked up at 943 Crestway Drive. For questions: call 745-1516. More Community News on Page 2.

RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



Sausage & Egg Biscuits 2 / \$5

• 32 oz Tea \$1

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 South Congress Pkwy 744-5292

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We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax. If you take a newsworthy photograph, send it to: wysiradio@gmail.com

WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday - Partly sunny. High 91. Realfeel 96.

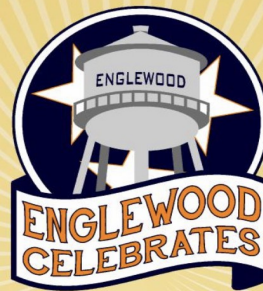
Thursday Night - Clear. Low 64.

Friday - Sunny to partly cloudy & warm. High 89. Realfeel 98.

Friday Night - Partly cloudy & humid. Low 70.

Saturday - Partly sunny. Possible t'storms. High 86. Realfeel 95.

More Weather at: wysi.com



SATURDAY JUNE 25, 2022

Pancake Breakfast 7:00 am

Sock Hill 5K/Walk 7:30 am

Live Music 8:30 am - Noon

Antique Car Show 9:00 am

Friday Night Square Dance 7:30 pm

Community Church Service - Sunday
 Englewood First Baptist Church @ 6pm



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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Renee Bishop**, age 63, of Etowah passed away Monday, June 20th. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Bordwine Funeral home with visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. prior to the service. Interment will follow in Coghill Cemetery.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE

Weekly Summary: 06/12/22 - 06/18/22

There were 1,912 cases (per day) and 11 deaths (per day) last week

| Tennessee: COUNTY | 2,098,895 Total Cases | 26,616 Total Deaths |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| | <u>CASES</u> | <u>DEATHS</u> |
| McMinn | 16,973 | 265 |
| Meigs | 3,445 | 59 |
| Monroe | 14,949 | 248 |
| Polk | 4,809 | 79 |
| Bradley | 33,846 | 421 |
| Rhea | 10,126 | 161 |

Covid-19 update information from the Tennessee Department of Health is updated on Saturday and posted to their website each Wednesday.

National News

◆ After weeks of negotiation, a bipartisan group of senators announced the text of their anti-gun violence compromise which is a mix of support for mental health, school security service changes and some gun laws. The legislation lawmakers have been working toward would toughen background checks for the youngest firearms buyers, require more sellers to conduct background checks and beef up penalties on gun traffickers. It also would disburse money to states and communities aimed at improving school safety and mental health initiatives.

◆ President Biden is asking Congress to suspend federal gasoline and diesel taxes for three months. This move is meant to ease financial pressures at the pump that also reveals the political toxicity of high gas prices in an election year. The White House also said that Biden will also call on states to suspend their own gas taxes or provide similar relief. People would save roughly 3.6% at the pump if the gas savings were fully passed along to consumers, especially when prices are averaging about \$5 a gallon nationwide. But many economists and lawmakers from both parties view the idea of a gas tax holiday with skepticism.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Stocks were back and forth between losses and gains, attempting to build on Tuesday's rebound. Concerns around inflation remain front and center. Government bond yields declined. Oil prices fell 3.5%. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 47.12 to 30,483.13. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 4.90 to 3,759.89, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 16.22 to 11,053.08.



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| Hours | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Tuesday - Friday: | 10 AM - 5 PM |
| Saturday: | 10 AM - 4 PM |
| Sunday - Monday: | Closed |

| Admission | |
|----------------|-----|
| Adults: | \$5 |
| Seniors (60+): | \$3 |
| Students: | \$3 |

A black bear in East Tennessee was rescued Monday by The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. The bear had a plastic container stuck on its head for at least a week. TWRA says the bear was first spotted on June 13 in Wears Valley. Agents partnered with the Appalachian Bear Rescue group for surveillance of the area in an attempt to help the bear. Someone spotted the animal with the food container still on its head on Monday and it had been at least seven days since the first sighting. After the bear was rescued it was taken to a rescue facility where it is recovering. Wildlife agents are urging campers and travelers to always secure garbage and recycle or crush food containers.



Photo from Appalachian Bear Rescue Facebook Page