

#### Tuesday, September 27, 2022

### Car Fire on Highway 307 Niota

Sunday around noon the engine area of a 2004 Toyota caught fire on Hwy 307, Niota. Main damage was to the engine with smoke and water damage to the rest of the car. Niota, Englewood and Athens Rural Fire Departments, and the McMinn County Sheriff's Dept all responded with Niota Firefighter Travis Newberry in command of the scene.

Photo by Caleb Martin, Englewood Rural Fire Dept.



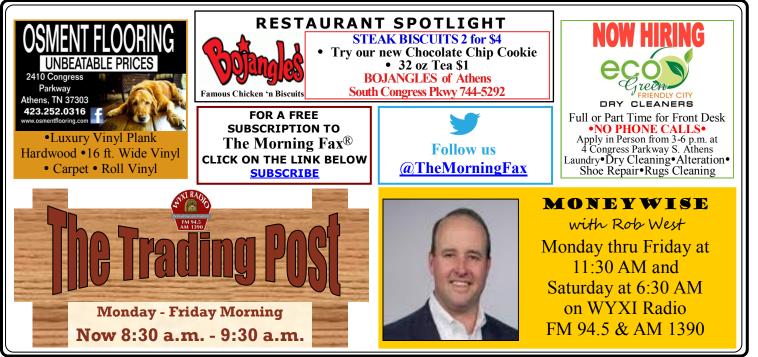
# **Community News You Can Use**

✓ MEDIC won the annual donation contest between-MEDIC and LifeSouth Blood Center in Florida. MEDIC thanks everyone for their support. There will be more news to follow on their Orange and Blue competition with Kentucky when Tennessee plays Kentucky in November.

✓ The Etowah Special Needs Baseball event begins today, September 27<sup>th</sup>, and continues on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Ballfield; beside Etowah City School Gym. This is for ages 8 to 99 years and is designed for children and adults with mental and physical needs. No equipment is needed, and a soft/rubber-sized ball will be used for safety. Call Tracy Miller at 423-506-7111 to register.

✓ McMinn County High School Class of 1958 will have a dinner meeting on Saturday, October  $1^{st}$  at Western Sizzlin' Restaurant at 5 p.m. The dinner meeting will be held in the large dining room. Class members, friends, and partners are encouraged to attend.

✓ A Second Chance Job Fair will be held on Wednesday, October 5th for second chance employers who work with justice-involved individuals. The location will be at the McMinn Higher Education Center at 2345 Denso Drive in Athens, between 10am and 2pm. For more information or to register call 745-2028. The UT Extension office is helping to sponsor the event.





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# **Obituaries**

• Marie "Tootsie" Elizabeth Grindell Miller, age 77, of Etowah, passed away Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> in Etowah Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge.

#### ♦ OPTIMIST CLUB OFFICERS INSTALLED

The Athens Optimist Club met recently and installed new club officers. Shown below (L-R) are: Board Member Stanley Blair, Treasurer Lessett Silva, Board Member Sue Senn, Secretary Steve Cartwright, and President Joe Guy. (Submitted photo)



# Hurricane Ian Updated

Hurricane Ian strengthened to a Category 2 hurricane on Monday as it took aim at Cuba and Florida. Ian is currently forecast to make landfall on the west coast of Florida or the Florida Panhandle by midday Thursday, though there is uncertainty about the hurricane's track and intensity. Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis has declared a "state of emergency" for the entire state, with storm conditions "projected to constitute a major disaster." The National Hurricane Center has advised residents of Cuba, the Florida Keys and the Florida Peninsula to have a hurricane plan in place and to closely follow forecast updates.

**MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** Wall Street slid deeper into bear market territory with the S&P 500 and Dow closing lower. Investors fear that the Federal Reserve's aggressive campaign against inflation could throw the U.S. economy into a sharp downturn. After two weeks of steady losses on the U.S. stock market, the Dow Jones Industrial Average confirmed it has been in a bear market since early January. The S&P 500 index confirmed it was in a bear market in June. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 329.60 to 29,260.81. The S&P 500 was down 38.19 to 3,655.04, and The Nasdaq Composite was down 65.00 to 10,802.92.



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