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Wednesday, March 08, 2023

Athens, Tennessee

Fire Alarm at Englewood School

Sunday around 9am Fire Departments received a fire alarm dispatch to Englewood School on College St, Englewood. Upon arrival of Fire personnel and entry of the building there was smoke, no flames were visible, in the upstairs of the school, which turned out to be located in Room 121. Upon further investigation it appears that the motor of a fan that circulates air in the building was the cause of the smoke. According to school officials, with the storms on Friday, one of the transformers lost a leg and appeared to be the cause. The fire departments placed fans to clear the building of the smoke. Englewood Rural Fire, Etowah Rural Fire, AUB and Englewood Police Department all responded to the scene along with school officials. Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department.



Community News You Can Use

✓Nominations are now being accepted by the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce for McMinn County's "2022 Mother of the Year". Nomination forms and award guidelines may be obtained at the Chamber office located at 13 North Jackson Street in Athens, Monday – Friday, 8:30AM – 4:30 PM, or by calling 423-745-0334. The deadline for nominations is March 20th.

✓The annual United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties Power of the Purse will be held March 30th at The Barn at Faith Farms. The Purse Preview will be from 6:00 – 6:30 with the main event being from 6:30 – 9:00. Paige Zabo, United Way president and CEO, says, "This is our 12th annual Power of the Purse event. We are excited to be working with Faith Farms and 2 Dudes Barbeque. All proceeds from the sale will help our 14 partner agencies meet short-term needs while investing in long-term stability and providing food, housing, career training, educational enrichment, mental health services, and crisis intervention for kids, adults, and seniors. All the money raised by United Way events stays in McMinn and Meigs counties....." Tickets can be purchased online by tapping [HERE](#), or at the United Way office at 313 Maple Street, Athens. Tickets must be purchased in advance. No ticket sales at the door. Table sponsorships are available for \$300. If you are interested in sponsoring a table, please call the United Way office at 423-745-9606. Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram for auction item "sneak peeks" leading up to the event.



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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

◆ **Gregory Alan Hall**, age 42, a native of Lenoir City, more recently of Knoxville and Greenback, passed away Monday at Blount Memorial Hospital in Maryville after a long battle with diabetes and heart problems. Gregory is survived by his father Wesley Lynn Hall of Lenoir City, brothers David Wesley and William Daniel Hall of Lenoir City, Mother, Nancy Ann Jones Hall Horton and stepfather David Horton of Northeast, Maryland. Arrangements will be announced later.

◆ **Christopher Todd Bailey**, age 45, of Athens, passed away Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at his residence. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens.

◆ **Hugh Alvin Johnson, Jr.** age 79, lifelong citizen of Englewood, passed away Monday, March 6th at the Hospice Care Center in Chattanooga after a brief illness. He retired from the National Linen Service and then went on to own and manage rental properties. A funeral service will be at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 9th at Bordwine Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday prior to the service. Family and friends will assemble at 10 a.m., Friday, March 10th at the funeral home and will go in procession to Sunrise Cemetery for the 11 a.m. committal service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

◆ **Dana Marie Barnes**, age 46 of Riceville, passed away Sunday March 5th at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. She was a native and lifelong resident of McMinn County. She was a former employee of Mills Products. A funeral service will be at 7 pm Wednesday, March 8th at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. Interment will be at 11 am Thursday, March 9th in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-7 pm Wednesday at the funeral home. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

◆ **Martha Hope Powell**, age 78 of Etowah, passed away February 20th. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

◆ **Lavellada F. Davis**, age 80, of Cleveland, passed away Monday, March 6th at her home. She was born in Athens. She enjoyed gardening, flowers and renovations of old houses. A Celebration of Life service will be Thursday, March 9th at 2 pm at Companion Funeral Home of Athens with visitation from 12 to 2 pm prior to the service. A Graveside service will be at GoodSprings Baptist Church Cemetery in Etowah following the service. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

Property Transfers McMinn Co

Listed below is a sampling of verifiable property sales from February 1 to March 1 in McMinn County:

Street Name	City	Closing Date	Sold Price
Coosa Street	Athens	2/10/2023	135,000
County Road 1150	Riceville	2/14/2023	439,500
County Road 213	Athens	2/1/2023	154,000
County Road 250	Niota	2/1/2023	209,000
County Road 26	Calhoun	2/16/2023	170,000
County Road 282	Niota	3/1/2023	154,000
County Road 316	Niota	2/17/2023	106,000
County Road 322	Sweetwater	2/16/2023	220,000
county road 333	Niota	2/3/2023	259,000
County Road 435	Englewood	2/8/2023	315,000
County Road 452	Athens	2/13/2023	354,990
County Road 705	Athens	2/9/2023	385,000
County Road 775	Riceville	2/23/2023	215,000
County Road 83	Riceville	2/3/2023	125,000
County Road 860	Delano	2/28/2023	311,000
County Road 967	Riceville	2/14/2023	225,000
Fox Street	Athens	2/15/2023	175,000
Georgia Avenue	Etowah	3/1/2023	220,000
Gettys Lane	Athens	3/1/2023	552,500

Data provided by Tennessee Valley Appraisal Services

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◆ This week on "Hope From the Well," Connie McIntosh will be discussing "New Beginnings". "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. each Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.

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