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Etowah MVA Sunday Night

◆ On Sunday night around 8 o'clock on Hwy 310 close to Country Road 480 in Etowah, the driver of a 2011 Chevrolet Malibu snapped a guy wire of a utility pole after losing control then overturning down an embankment. With extrication of the driver by Etowah Rural Fire and Englewood Rural Fire Departments, the driver was transported by AMR to Starr Regional Etowah. Also assisting at the scene was McMinn County Sheriff's Department, and AUB along with THP Officer Caleb Ballard who investigated the accident. Photos by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department.



City Council Meeting

The Athens City Council met in a special called meeting last evening to deal with two issues involving the Athens Police Department. The first issue dealt with pay grades for officers with the rank of Corporal on down, including SRO's. Mayor Steven Sherlin made the motion to increase the pay rate to 22.50 for certified officers. The vote was 2 for and 2 against with one abstention causing the motion to fail because of a tie. The idea was to make the PD pay more competitive with area law enforcement agencies that offer better pay. Currently there are 7 openings in the APD. The other item on the agenda was the purchase of new police cars. Two new vehicles were approved last week with the passage of the 2023-2024 budget. A motion was passed last evening 5-0 to purchase another 4 cars for a total of 6. Mayor Steven Sherlin stated that it will take about a year to receive the new PD vehicles which also pertains to retention and recruitment of officers. Area law enforcement agencies provide their officers a vehicle to drive home and the new police cars will help APD become more competitive with that benefit as well.

◆ **HOPE FROM THE WELL:** This week on "Hope From the Well", Robin Nation will be discussing "God's Love Endures Forever". Hope From the Well is heard each Thursday morning at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.



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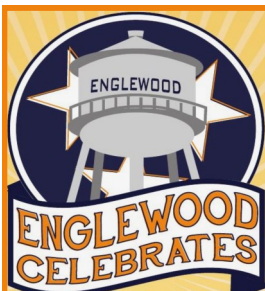
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2023 ETOWAH JULY 4th SCHEDULE

7:30-10:00 Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast Troop 74
 7:30-9:00 5K Road Race – First Baptist Church
 8:45-9:15 Patriotic Program-Quilts of Valor
 9:15-9:30 5K Road Race Awards
 10:30-12:00 Etowah 4th of July Beauty Pageant
 10:00-1:00 Corn Hole Tournament at Walking Trail

11:00-7:00 Kids Zone at the Walking Trail
 12:30-1:00 Music—Julia Keeton
 1:00-2:00 Pie/Watermelon Eating Contest Kids Zone
 1:30-2:30 Music-Josh Gilbert Band
 2:00-11:00 WCPH Radio 1220 on Air Broadcasting
 3:00-4:00 Music-Etowah Town Band

4:30-5:00 Music-Izzy Weeks
 5:30-6:30 Music-In Cahoots Band (TN Overhill/TN Arts)
 7:30-9:00 Headliner-The Tams
 9:15-9:45 Patriotic Program-Gem Players
 9:45-10:00 FIREWORKS
 10:00-11:00 Music-The Tams

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Obituaries

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◆ Bobby Osborne, American musician and co-founder with his brother Sonny Osborne of the Osborne Brothers has died. The Osborne Brothers helped popularize the song 'Rocky Top.' He was a member of the Grand Ole Opry and the International Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame. He was a member of the United States Marine Corps and received a Purple Heart for his service and was honorably discharged in 1953. He was an instructor of bluegrass music at the Kentucky School of Bluegrass and Traditional Music in Hyden, Kentucky. His primary instrument was the mandolin.

◆ Sibyl Teresa "Terry" Lillard, age 74, passed away on Monday, June 26th. Terry attended the University of TN where she received her Bachelor's Degree of Science in Education and later earned a Master's in Education. She also became certified to teach special education and braille. She was a long-time resident of Etowah and will be remembered by many as a Home Economics teacher at McMinn Central High School, where she taught for many years. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, June 29th in Benton Memorial Gardens. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

U.T. Extension will be offering the following classes:

"Frozen Sweet Treats" Cooking School, Tuesday, July 11th (10:30am – 12pm), \$25- Learn food safety of freezing foods, prepare and taste test a variety of frozen treats, and everyone goes home with a sweet gift! Class location: UT Extension, 2345 Denso Dr., Athens.

"Canning Seminar: Pressure Canning," Thursday, July 13th (5:30pm – 6:30pm), free- Learn the science behind pressure canning, food safety principles and the how-to use a pressure canner safely. We will also cover drying, to preserve foods at home. Bring your pressure canner gauge, I can test the gauge while you are here! Class location: UT Extension, 2345 Denso Dr., Athens.

"Tai Chi for Arthritis," August 7th – August 30th (Monday and Wednesday's), \$48 lifetime member. Choose from two locations: (10am – 11am) at First Baptist Church, 305 Ingleside Ave., Athens or (3pm – 4pm) at UT Extension, 2345 Denso Dr., Athens. The program uses Sun Style. This style may be particularly effective for people with arthritis because it includes agile steps and exercises that may improve mobility, breathing and relaxation. Benefits of the program include reduced pain and stiffness, improved ability to cope with stress and depression. Register online for classes:

<https://mcminn.tennessee.edu/> or stop by the UT Extension Office!

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT

Markets closed in positive territory. The S&P 500, Nasdaq, and Russell 2000 all posted gains of over 1%. Information Technology and Consumer Discretionary sectors continued their strong year-to-date performance with gains of over 1.5%. Asian markets were mixed.

At the closing bell, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 212.03 to 33,926.74. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 49.59 to 4,378.41, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 219.90 to 13,555.67.

WEATHER FORECAST

Wednesday - Mostly sunny and nice; hazy skies due to high altitude smoke from distant fires. High 88.

Wednesday night - Mainly clear. Low 64.

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Friendly City Festivals Sounds of Summer Series

Friendly City Festivals announces the fourth concert in the 2023 Sounds of Summer Concert series will feature local favorite Kinslee Melhorn (see photo at right).

The concert will be held at Market Park Pavilion in Downtown Athens on Friday, June 30th starting at 7:00 p.m. Concert goers are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs, blankets, family and friends.

Kinslee Melhorn is a country singer/songwriter based out of Nashville. Originally from Decatur, Tennessee, Kinslee has been influenced by Taylor Swift, Miranda Lambert and The Chicks and translating them into her own songs since she was 13. Kinslee now spends her time writing, recording and releasing her own music and playing at many venues throughout East Tennessee and Nashville. Her new single Summer Makes Me Homesick will be released June 30 and you can find her music on Apple Music and Spotify.

Sounds of Summer has moved to Friday nights and the remaining line up is:

- July 7th-Run Katie Run
- July 14th-Fresh Mind
- July 21st-Monday Night Social
- August 4th-The Tim Hughes Quartet
- August 11th-MendingWall

All concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. at 106 S. Jackson St. with sound provided by Integrity Sound Solutions.

This free to the public series is produced by Friendly City Festivals and is made possible through the financial support of: The City of Athens, McMinn County Tourism Board, Wolfenden Family Pharmacies, Athens Kiwanis Club, Mayfield Dairy Farms, Tennessee Overhill Association, Tennessee Arts Commission, Valley Oil, WarrenJackson CPAs, Simmons National Bank, Simmons Trust Department, Citizens National Bank of Sevier County, VEC Customer Shares, DENSO, Humana, Starr Regional Medical Center, Dynasty Spas, Oneheart Dojo, EXIT Milestone Realty, The Daily Post Athenian and The Morning Fax.

More information can be found on Friendly City Festival's Facebook page and at www.friendlycityfestivals.com

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