

#### Monday, July 03, 2023



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#### Athens, Tennessee

# Wreck and Fire on I-75

hursday afternoon on I-75 in Niota this 2016 Freightliner tractor and 2020 Great Dane trailer that we're hauling FedEx packages were

destroyed by fire. The incident left traffic stopped on the interstate for 3 hours. Niota Rural Fire, Sweetwater City Fire, North Monroe Volunteer Fire, Athens Rural Fire, Riceville Rural Fire, Englewood Rural Fire, Tri Community Fire Monroe County, and Christianburg Fire all responded. Also assisting was AMR and TDOT. Niota Rural Fire Chief Lee Mason was in

command of scene. Also

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assisting Chief Mason at the scene were Niota City Fire Chief Travis Newberry, Athens Rural Fire Chief Chuck Burris and Englewood Rural Fire Chief Billy Roach. THP Officer Harrison McSpadden investigated the incident. Photos by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department.

## **Community News You Can Use**

The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following holiday closure: The Athens Municipal Building, Public Works, Recycle Center, and Animal Control will be closed Tuesday, July 4, 2023, in observance of Independence Day. The Municipal Building, Public Works, Recycle Center and the Animal Shelter will re-open Wednesday, July 5, 2023 during regular business hours. The residential garbage route for Tuesday, July 4, 2023, will be picked up on its regular schedule. All other residential garbage routes will also be on regular schedule. Please have garbage totes to the road the night before your scheduled pick-up day. Commercial/Industrial garbage routes will also be on a regular schedule. All emergency services will continue to operate on a 24-hour basis. Contact McMinn E-911 communications in the event of an emergency. For more information, please contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745. See their website at: www.cityofathenstn.com/publicworks

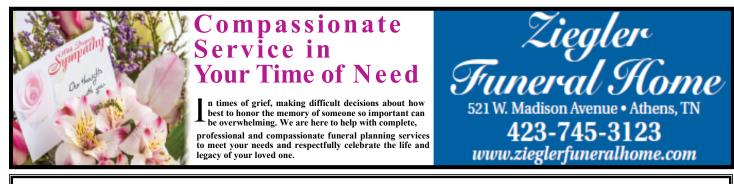
LISTENING REMINDER: This week's guest on Main Street Moments will be representatives from Light of Life Ministries sharing about the community backpack giveaway. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5.



Now offering FDIC INSURED CD's BROKERED thru RAYMOND JAMES THIS WEEKS FIXED RATES: 6 MONTH CD: 5.35%; 9 MONTH CD 5.30%; 12 MONTH CD 5.35% Effective 6.21.23

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## **Obituaries**

**Edward Powers**, age 66, of Ten Mile, passed away on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. He was an avid fisherman. No formal services will be held. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

High Winds in Athens Wreak Havoc in Some Neighborhoods: Power Outages in Athens on Saturday due to strong winds,



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caused lots of trees to fall over power lines, in peoples yards, and across roads causing power poles and lines to come down. Photos sent by Morning Fax readers showing trees down at

the top of water tank hill and Lynnwood Drive area. See page 3 for more storm photos.



### **Caldwell Design Ribbon Cutting**

A ribbon cutting was held Thursday (6-29) for Caldwell Design & Engineering. From left to right: Amy McDonald, Diplomat; Rob Preston, Chamber President/CEO), Stephanie Devine; Hunter Starr, Diplomat; Brandon Johnson; Walt Bowman; Joseph Ladner; Diplomat and Board Member, Jordan Perleoni; John Rodriguez, Chamber Board Member; Scott Caldwell, Caldwell Design & Engineering; Keith Price, McMinn County Property Assessor; Larry Eaton, City of Athens Vice Mayor; Doug Bailey, Diplomat and Board Member; Francis Witt McMahan, Athens City Council; Traci White; and Cheryl Ingram, McMinn County Register of Deeds.



#### FRIDAY'S MARKET REPORT:

At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Average was up 285.18 to 34,407.60. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 53.94 to 4,450.38, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 196.59 to 13,787.92.





# **More Photos of Saturday's Storm Damage**

Reader submitted photos from Eaves Street at North Jackson St. Athens, where numerous power poles were broken. Crews from Cleveland and Loudon responded.



Photos in this column submitted by J.P. Vasquez in the vicinity of South Kilgore Street, Athens.







