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Sunday around 10:30am on Hwy 39 & Co Rd 567 near Englewood, a five-car chain reaction accident occurred between a 2004 Ford F150, a 2012 Honda FIT, a 2016 Nissan Versa Note, a 2023 Chevrolet Traverse, and a 2019 Volkswagen Passat Battery. The driver of the Honda was transferred by AMR to Englewood Football field where Lifestar transported the patient to UT Hospital. Englewood Rural Fire, Athens Rural Fire, Englewood Police Department and McMinn County Sheriff's Department all responded. Assisting also at the scene was TDOT along with THP Officer Taylor James who investigated the accident. Photos by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department



Community News You Can Use

✓The McMinn County election commission will meet in regular session, Tuesday, October 17th at 5:00 pm in the conference room of the McMinn County Courthouse and will conduct any election business to legally come before the board. The agenda will be posted on the bulletin board at the election office by Friday, October 13th.

✓The McMinn Senior Activity Center in Athens is partnering with the McMinn County Health Department to hold a flu shot clinic at the McMinn Senior Activity Center during the Active Aging Senior Expo on Thursday, October 12th. The event will take place at 205 McMinn Avenue from 8:30am-1pm. Call 423-745-6830 for more information. Staff from the McMinn County Health Department will be on hand to administer vaccinations. Most insurance plans will cover the cost of the flu vaccination. Please bring all of your insurance cards.

✓The Friends of Etowah Carnegie Library will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 17th at 5:30 pm at the library. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call (423) 263-9475 or go online to:

www.etowahlibrary.com

✓The AUB monthly Budget and Finance Committee Meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, October 17th at 11:30 a.m. AUB's Board Meeting will still be Tuesday, October 24th at 5:00 p.m. as previously scheduled.

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Obituaries

◆ **Michael Eugene "Mike" Guffey**, age 49, of Athens, passed away on Wednesday, October 4th. He enjoyed fishing, metal detecting, and Civil War reenactments. He was employed with the United States Postal Service for 24 years. Mike and his wife, Timberly, own Fuller's Frame Shop. Visitation will be from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM on Sunday, October 15th at Ziegler Funeral Home with a memorial service to follow at 4:00 PM. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

◆ **Dr. John S. Powers**, age 68, of Cleveland, and formerly of Athens, passed away Monday, October 9th at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga. A funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 am, Saturday, October 14th at First Baptist Church of Cleveland. The family will receive friends immediately following the service at the church. The interment will be 1:30 pm, Saturday, October 14th at the Shell-Guffey Cemetery. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

◆ **Deborah "Debbie" Wilson Miller**, age 65, of Athens, passed away Tuesday, October 10th at Fort Sander Medical Center in Knoxville. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Ziegler Funeral Home.

McMinn County Receives Grant Funding

The State of Tennessee has awarded \$26.5 million in grant funding to 32 communities across the state for local parks and recreation projects. In the Tennessee Valley, grants were awarded to the City of East Ridge, the City of South Pittsburg as well as Grundy, McMinn, and Rhea Counties. The funds may be used for the purchase of land for parks, natural areas, greenways, and the purchase of land for recreational facilities. Here in McMinn County \$630,000 has been awarded for improvements at the McMinn County Bicentennial Park. The project includes turf for the remaining outfields on Field 3; installation of underground drainage; the addition of a new field to be turfed and striped; overhead netting; and new outfield netting. "The McMinn County Bicentennial Park is an incredible asset to our community," according to Assistant House Majority Leader Mark Cochran who is from Englewood. "These improvements will further enhance the park and the great recreational opportunities that it offers. I congratulate the county on receiving this grant, and I look forward to these upgrades being completed."

◆ The guest this week on "Hope From the Well" will be Staff Member, Tonya Gambrell discussing "Spiritual Toolbox". 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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