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Thursday, February 29, 2024

Athens, Tennessee

MVA Co Rd 609 - Etowah

On Monday at 6:30 pm the driver lost control of a 2007 Yamaha 80CC dirt bike hitting the pavement on Co Rd 609, Etowah. The driver sustained facial injuries with AMR transporting the patient to Life Star, which landed at the scene. The patient was flown to UT



Hospital Knoxville. Etowah Rural Fire, Englewood Rural Fire, and McMinn County Sheriff's Department all responded. THP Officer James

Dalton investigated the accident. Photos by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department

Community News You Can Use

- ✓Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday at the E.G. Fisher Public Library with a craft and coloring on Saturday, March 2nd. It will be available all day.
- ✓The Athens City Schools Board of Education meets Monday, March 4. The draft agenda and packet can be viewed [HERE](#).
- ✓Next up in the 2023-24 House Blend Concert Series is Evening with the Stars at the Sue E. Trotter Black Box Theater on Friday, March 22, 2024, at 7:30 PM. This showcase of regional talent will hold auditions Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 6:30 PM at The Arts Center. Those interested in auditioning should be at The Arts Center ready to perform at 6:30 PM on Thursday March 7, 2024. A pianist will be available to play live accompaniment if needed. Auditioners should bring sheet music if the accompanist is needed. AACA house band, September Song, will be on stage during rehearsals (Monday March 18 and Thursday March 21, both at 6:30 PM) and during the show, to back-up solo acts.

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax. If you take a newsworthy photograph, send it to:

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Obituaries

◆ **Betty Joan Frye Hennessee**, age 86, lifelong resident of McMinn County, passed away on Wednesday, February 28. She was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church. Betty was a homemaker and she loved to cook and work in the garden. Visitation will be from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Friday, March 1, at Ziegler Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 7:00 PM at the funeral home. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at Oak Grove Cemetery in Riceville. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

State News

◆ The Great Smoky Mountains National Park was the most visited national park and saw an increase of over a million visitors during 2023, according to data from the National Park Service. On Tuesday, the GSMNP released that it had 13.3 million visits, a 3-percent increase from 2022 and the park's second highest year on record. The highest year was 2021, which saw 14.1 million visits. Last year, the busiest months were June through October, with each of those months seeing over one million visits each. The National Park Service reports that in October alone, the GSMNP had 1.7 million visitors.

◆ A Kingston man has been sentenced to just over 12 years in prison after pleading guilty to child porn charges. Dock Edward Holliman, 64, of Kingston, was sentenced to 151 months in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee at Knoxville. Following his incarceration, Holliman will be on supervised release for 10 years. He will also be required to register with state sex offender registries and comply with special sex offender conditions. Holliman pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with, one count of distribution of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography.

Last Day To Pay Property Taxes

REMINDER: TODAY, February 29th, is the last day to pay property taxes before interest must be added. The Trustee's Office will be open from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. They will accept mail post-marked by February 29. The Trustee drop box is located at top of steps on the Washington Avenue side of Courthouse; however, any payments deposited in drop box after TODAY will be subject to interest. The law requires the Trustee to send unpaid "business personal property" taxes and 2022 delinquent taxes to Chancery Court March 28, 2024. Delinquent taxes are assessed interest, plus court costs and attorney fees if sent to court. All delinquent county taxes must be paid before current 2023 taxes may be accepted. Property taxes can also be paid online. Go to tennesseetrustee.com, click on McMinn County and follow instructions. Taxpayers with delinquent taxes can call 745-1291 or email ptuggle@mcminncountyttn.gov for the correct amount due.

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- National Time Refund Day
- National Leap Day
- National Toast Day (Last Thursday in February)



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