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## Tennessee Lawmakers Vote in Favor of Congressional Term Limits

On Thursday, the Tennessee Senate approved HJR 5, a resolution requesting a national convention to propose term limits on Congress. The vote tally stood at 18 in favor and 11 opposed. State Rep. Chris Todd and Senator Richard Briggs championed this initiative. This resolution now advances to Congress, where it will contribute to the accumulation of 34 state applications needed to convene a term limits convention. The endeavor aligns with a bipartisan nationwide campaign spearheaded by U.S. Term Limits, aimed at combating entrenched political careers in the nation's capital.

## MVA on Hwy 30 E and County Road 750



On Saturday evening close to 6:00 PM, a 2019 Nissan Versa and a 2005 Dodge Neon collided on Highway 30E and County Road 750 in Athens. An American Medical Response (AMR) ambulance arrived on the scene first reporting no injuries.

Athens Rural Fire Department, Etowah Rural Fire Department, and McMinn County Sheriff's Department all responded. Tennessee Highway Patrol Officer Eric Diaz investigated the accident. Photo Credit: Etowah Rural Fire Department



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- Tuesday-Madisonville-Will Sav -10:30 - 1:30
- Wednesday-Etowah Across from Johnsons-10:30 - 2:00
- Thursday-Athens Sock Shop -10:30 -1:30
- Friday-Sweetwater-Little Drugs-10:30 - 2:30
- Saturday-Dayton Real Deal Tackle - 10-2



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## Governor Lee Signs Tennessee Disability and Aging Act into Law



Tennessee Governor Bill Lee endorsed the Tennessee Disability and Aging Act, a measure merging the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD) and the Commission on Aging and Disability (TCAD) into a singular entity named the Department of Disability and Aging (DDA). This legislative move garnered unanimous, bipartisan support from lawmakers and received widespread endorsement from various stakeholders.

“When I became governor, I made a commitment to shrink the size of government, ensuring we efficiently and effectively serve all Tennesseans,” said Gov. Lee. “Creating a new Department of Disability and Aging is one example of our work to deliver on that promise, enabling better coordination and stronger advocacy.”

The demographic of adults aged 65 and above is growing at a remarkable pace in Tennessee. Given this quickly expanding aging population, it is important for the state to establish robust infrastructural support to address the needs of older residents. TCAD currently holds the designation as Tennessee’s federal “state unit on aging,” overseeing programs outlined in the Older Americans Act and providing leadership on aging-related matters within state governance. Tennessee stands as one of merely two states that previously lacked a cabinet-level agency to house its “state unit on aging.”

Moreover, both DIDD and TCAD offer similar supports and services aimed at enhancing the quality of life and autonomy of their respective constituencies. The merging of these agencies will facilitate enhanced coordination on areas of mutual concern.



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## House Fire in Englewood

The homeowner of this house on County Road 461, Englewood, close to 10:30 Friday night, had just gone to bed when he noticed the kitchen light went off and the living room light came on. He walked outside to find heavy smoke pouring from the cave vent. When Fire personnel arrived on the scene heavy flames were visible from the attic and roof. Englewood Rural Fire, Etowah Rural Fire, Madisonville City Fire and Athens Rural Fire Departments responded. McMinn HAZMAT provided air support on the scene. Agencies also assisting were Englewood Police Department, McMinn County Sheriff's Department, AMR, and AUB. Englewood Rural Fire Chief Billy Roach was in command of the scene with assistance of Etowah Rural Fire Chief Adam Hafley.  
 (Photo by Lynn Ingram with Englewood Rural Fire Department)



## Obituaries

- **Donnie Guthrie**, of Calhoun, passed away late Saturday, April 13th at Lifecare Center of Athens. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by Smith Funeral and Cremation Services of Athens.
- **Mary Rebecca (Becky) Roddy**, 78 of Decatur, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, April 9. Mary will have no formal services at this time. Good Samaritan Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.
- **Brunner Young**, 78 of Englewood, passed away Thursday, April 11. He served in the US Army during the Vietnam War and attended First Church of God in Englewood, TN. A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, April 15 in McMinn Memory Gardens. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**LISTENING REMINDER:** This week's guest on Main Street Moments will be Deb Wallace, Athens City Manager. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5.

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## Arrest Reports

**04/09/24**

- Joshua Hooper, 45 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Failure to Appear and Shoplifting. Bond was assigned of \$3,000.
- Cassandra Belcher, 25 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Shoplifting. Bond was assigned of \$2,000.
- Brandon Russell, 56 of Etowah, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Aggravated Domestic Assault. Bond was assigned of \$15,000 contingent on No Contact with the victim.

**04/10/24**

- Austin Witt, 22 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Public Intoxication with a bond assigned of \$1,500.
- Cody Richesin, 33 of Athens was arrested by the Athens PD for two counts of Criminal Trespassing, Identity Theft and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Bond was assigned of \$25,500.
- Dakota Pense, 21 of Athens, was arrested for Violation of Probation with a cash bond assigned of \$2,739.35
- Brett Kyker-Siegler, 29 of Riceville, was arrested by the Tennessee Highway Patrol for Reckless Driving and Driving on a Revoked License. Bond was assigned of \$1,500.
- Ethan Rutland, 34 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Disorderly Conduct, Vandalism, Evading Arrest, and Resisting Stop. Bond was assigned of \$12,000.

**The accused are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.  
Information gathered from public sources.**

## Vehicle Fire in Etowah



At approximately 10:30 PM on Friday night, the driver of a 1994 Dodge Ram 3500 noticed the truck's engine had caught fire in the back compartment area on

Highway 310 at County Road 530 in Etowah. The driver stated that he had just gotten the truck out of the shop having had the clutch replaced. The truck was assessed as a total loss. Etowah Rural Fire Department and Englewood Rural Fire Department both responded along with the McMinn County Sheriff's Department. Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department



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