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Athens, Tennessee

Jeep Rolls Over in Sunday Night Crash Near Englewood



A 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo rolled over after the driver lost control Sunday night on Highway 39 East at the intersection with Highway 310 near Englewood.

The crash occurred around 10 p.m. Emergency crews from Englewood Rural Fire Department, Etowah Rural Fire Department, and the McMinn County Sheriff's Department responded to the scene. The driver sustained minor injuries and did not require ambulance transport.

Tennessee Highway Patrol Trooper D.J. Taylor is leading the investigation.

Photo courtesy of Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department.

LISTENING REMINDER: TODAY on *Main Street Moments*: Host Maggie Blaine invites **Dirt Poor Farms' Chelsea West** to talk about their new kiosk at the Food Hub. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. **TODAY** on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5. *See ad on Page 3*

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Three Monroe County Schools Earn Statewide Recognition for Voter Registration



Monroe County Virtual School, Sequoyah High School, and Sweetwater High School have each received the **Anne Dallas Dudley Gold Level Award** for achieving 100% voter registration among eligible students.

The award, presented by Tennessee Secretary of State **Tre Hargett**, recognizes schools across the state that excel in promoting civic engagement. A total of 41 Tennessee schools reached Gold Level status, while 18 others received Silver for registering at least 85% of eligible students.

Secretary Hargett praised the schools for their efforts, along with the support of faculty, staff, and the **Monroe County Election Commission**, for fostering active citizenship among young voters.

Local Administrator of Elections **James Brown** also celebrated the achievement, calling it a strong sign of civic commitment and a hopeful indicator for the future.

The awards honor **Anne Dallas Dudley**, a Tennessee suffragist instrumental in the ratification of the 19th Amendment. For more information, visit sos.tn.gov/civics.

Community News You Can Use

- The McMinn County Board of Commissioners will convene and meet in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse in Athens in Regular Session on Monday, May 19 at 6:00pm, where they will meet to conduct any business that may legally come before the board.
- Athens City Middle School will host an [Arts and Athletics Summer Camp](#) for rising 3rd–9th graders in Athens City and McMinn County schools. The camp runs **June 9–13** and **June 16–20**, from **9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, at a cost of **\$125 per week**. Activities include **sports, music, theater, and art**, with lunch provided. Space is limited to 50 students per week, and **registration is due by May 23**. For details or to sign up, contact itre-anor@athensk8.net.



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Athens, Tennessee

Two Dead, Several Injured in Fiery Multi-Vehicle Crash on I-75 in East Ridge



A deadly multi-vehicle crash on I-75 northbound near the Tennessee Welcome Center on Sunday afternoon left two people dead and several others, including a child, seriously injured, according to authorities.

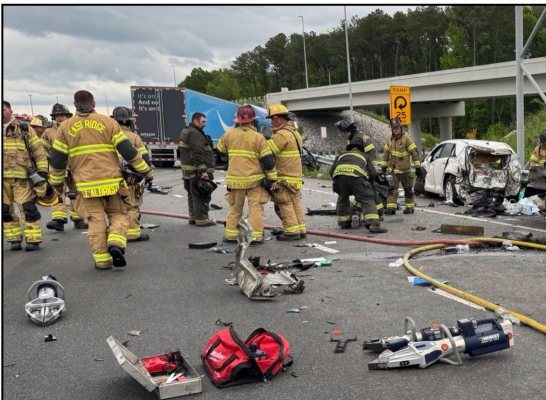
The crash occurred around 5:20 p.m. at mile marker 0.8, involving six cars and a semi-truck, two of which caught fire. Emergency crews worked quickly to rescue those trapped in vehicles and transported all involved to local hospitals by 6:45 p.m., according to the East Ridge Police Department (ERPD).

Traffic on I-75 northbound was shut down for hours and diverted at Exit 1 as first responders worked to extinguish fires, clear wreckage, and conduct an initial investigation. The highway was reopened by Monday morning, and traffic has returned to normal.

East Ridge Police Chief Clint Uselton confirmed that the truck driver, 65-year-old Joseph Antoinier, faces more than a dozen charges, including two counts of reckless homicide, multiple counts of felony reckless endangerment, and reckless aggravated assault.

Authorities continue to investigate the crash in coordination with the Tennessee Highway Patrol. As of Monday afternoon, the total number of injured individuals and further details about the victims have not been released.

Source: [TN Highway Patrol - Facebook](#)



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Verifiable sales of homes in McMinn County for January

Close Date	Close Price	Street Name
1/3/2025	240250	Reynolds St
1/3/2025	260000	County Road 705
1/7/2025	72500	View St
1/8/2025	399900	Lake View Point
1/8/2025	345000	Lynnwood Drive
1/8/2025	221000	County Road 312
1/10/2025	215000	Wabash St
1/15/2025	290000	Brewer St
1/15/2025	275000	County Road 581
1/16/2025	265000	County Road 850
1/16/2025	347500	County Road 244
1/17/2025	285000	Cindy St
1/17/2025	375000	Bryant St
1/23/2025	135000	County Road 461
1/24/2025	263900	County Road 753
1/24/2025	184900	Mccord Ave
1/27/2025	158000	Jackson Avenue
1/27/2025	210500	Georgia Ave
1/27/2025	295000	County Road 429
1/28/2025	125000	New Highway 68
1/29/2025	249900	County Road 675
1/29/2025	409000	Village Cove Cir
1/30/2025	320000	Clearmont Dr
1/30/2025	327500	County Road 722
1/30/2025	200000	Bryson St
1/31/2025	441000	Highway 411 N
1/31/2025	505000	County Road 545

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AACA to Host Grandparents' Dance to Raise Funds for Youth Arts Scholarships



The Athens Area Council for the Arts (AACA) will host a special event, *The Grand Ball*, on Friday, May 30, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at The Arts Center, inviting grandparents and honorary grandparents to bring their grandchildren for an evening of music, dancing, and fun—all for a good cause.

The event is the idea of 10-year-old Sloane Shepherd, daughter of AACA Executive Director Lauren Brown. Sloane proposed the dance as a creative fundraiser for AACA's youth scholarship programs, aiming to help local children attend summer arts camps.

Guests can expect a dance party with music from the 1940s to today, plus cookies, balloons, a selfie station, and a donation-based entry at the door. All proceeds will benefit AACA's Marian Biddle Trew Scholarship Fund, which provides financial aid for children attending summer arts programs. AACA hopes to raise at least \$2,000, the estimated amount needed to cover all anticipated requests for the 2025 camp season.

The Marian Biddle Trew Scholarship Fund and the Laura Abbott Scholarship Fund are two of AACA's key initiatives to eliminate financial barriers to arts access for youth and seniors in McMinn County. Donations can be made at the event, in person, by phone, or online at athensartscouncil.org. For scholarship applications or more information, contact artsed@athensartscouncil.org.

Source: Lauren Brown, Executive Director, Athens Area Council for the Arts + The Arts Center



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