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## Box Truck Overturms on I-75, Two Sustain Minor Injuries



A box truck hauling restaurant supplies overturned on Interstate 75 Tuesday evening, causing a significant traffic disruption and a lengthy cleanup effort.

The incident occurred around 5:00 p.m. on June 10, when a 26-foot box truck traveling north in the left lane veered toward the median near Exit 56. The driver overcorrected, causing the vehicle to flip onto its side and come to rest across the right lane and partially onto the exit ramp.

Two people were inside the truck at the time of the crash. Both sustained minor injuries but declined transport by EMS.

Emergency crews from Niota Rural Fire Department, Clearwater Rural Fire Department, AMR Ambulance, and the Tennessee Highway Patrol responded to the scene. David Prater of Niota Rural Fire was in command of the response. Cleanup took several hours as crews worked to clear the roadway and remove the overturned vehicle.

Trooper Dean Conk of the Tennessee Highway Patrol is investigating the crash. **Source: David Prater, Niota Rural Fire Dept.**

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### Upcoming June Events

#### HISTORY FOR LUNCH

- ★ Bring your lunch and learn about the founding of the United States, from 1763-1776 with our very own director Brett King.

**Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> @ 11:00-1:00**

\*Free admission\*

- ★ Civil War & Settlement in Southeast Tennessee with Aaron Astor, Professor of History @ Maryville College, will be discussing early 19th century settlement in McMinn & the county's divide during the Civil War.

**Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> @ noon**

\*Free admission\*

#### HERITAGE SCHOOL:

Kombucha Tea Making with Rachel Hampton-Owens  
of Starr Mountain Teas

**Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 am \$5 or free with membership**

Programs sponsored by C. Scott & Muriel S. Mayfield Family Foundation, Tennessee Arts  
Commission, Hugh M. Willson Family Foundation, and City of Athens

#### Hours:

Tuesday - Friday: 10 AM - 5 PM  
Saturday: 10 AM - 1 PM  
Sunday - Monday: Closed

#### Admission:

Adults: \$5.00  
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### Small Earthquake Recorded Near Tellico Plains

A minor earthquake was recorded late Tuesday night in East Tennessee, according to a preliminary report from the U.S. Geological Survey.

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The magnitude 1.8 quake occurred at 10:20 p.m. local time on June 10. The epicenter was located approximately 8.4 miles east-southeast of Tellico Plains, at a depth of 7 kilometers.

The tremor was also measured at about 26 miles east-southeast of Athens, 30.5 miles south-southwest of Maryville, and roughly 110 miles north of Atlanta, Georgia. No damage or injuries have been reported. The event was recorded by the Southeast U.S. Seismic Network, with data provided in part by the University of Memphis. For more technical details or updates, visit [USGS Earthquake Hazards Program](http://USGS Earthquake Hazards Program).

### Community News You Can Use

- The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following street closure:

The area to be affected is **KNOXVILLE AVENUE** from *Stiles Street* to *Sherwood Avenue*.

This area will be closed to thru traffic **TODAY**, Thursday, June 12, from 7:30 am until 4:00 p.m. Motorists should allocate additional time for traffic delays when traveling in this area. *The purpose of this closure is for tree removal.* For more info, contact the Athens Public Works Dept. at 423-744-2745.

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- Athens City Schools will begin accepting tuition payments for the 2025-26 school year on Monday July 7 from 8:00am - 4:30pm at the ACS Administration Building. For questions, call (423) 745-2863. You can pay in exact cash or check at the Admin Building or pay online at [athenscityschools.net](http://athenscityschools.net).

◆ Today on *Hope From the Well*, **Julie Tillis** invites **Brooke Russell** to the program. *Hope From the Well* is heard every Thursday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.





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## Athens City Schools Honors Retiring Staff Members

During its June meeting, the Athens City School Board recognized two longtime staff members for their dedicated service as they prepare for retirement.

Mr. Bob Owens, Supervisor of Facilities and Attendance, (left picture, posed on the right side) was honored for his leadership and commitment to the school system. The board also recognized Mrs. Linda Comerford, (right picture, second from left)

Information Specialist, for her years of support and service.



Athens City Schools expressed its appreciation to both retirees for their contributions to the district and wished them well in their next chapter. *Source: Athens City Schools - Facebook*

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## Timber Woods joins the Athens Chamber!



A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber member, Timber Woods Tree Service, located in Athens. Chamber friends joining the celebration and pictured here left to right are: Stacey Hester (Chamber Diplomat), Stephanie Devine, Kirk Woods (Owner Timber Woods Tree Service), Madyson Woods (Timber Woods Tree Service), Karen Sullivan (Athens Chamber), Lisa Rhea, Paul Semenoff (Chamber Diplomats). Back: Brandon Johnson, Hugh Willson (Chamber Diplomat), Garret Frye (Field Representative for Chuck Fleischmann office), Todd Watson (Chamber Board), Doug Bailey (Chamber Diplomat), Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Traci White (Chamber Board/Diplomat), Hunter Starr (Chamber Diplomat).

## Obituaries

**Martha Louise Speed Caldwell**, 65 of Meigs County, passed away on Tuesday, June 10. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Visitation will be held on Friday, June 13, from 12:00-2:00 PM at Ziegler Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Walnut Grove Cemetery in Decatur. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Martha Louise Speed Caldwell.

**Raymond "Steve" Knox**, 77 of Etowah, passed away Monday, June 9. He retired from the McMinn County Highway Department after 30 years. He enjoyed racing and farming. A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, June 13, in McMinn Memory Gardens Cemetery. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, school sports results or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax.

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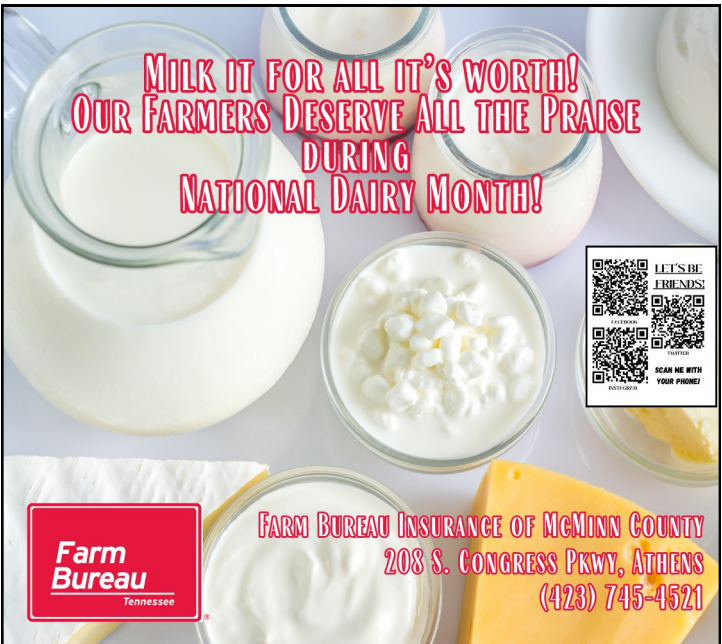




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