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Truck Fire Spreads to Woods Near Englewood



A pickup truck caught fire Friday afternoon on Highway 310, sparking a small blaze in a nearby wooded area.

The incident occurred around 4:30 p.m. shortly after the driver of a 2002 Ford Ranger arrived at a residence. According to officials, the driver noticed smoke coming from the engine just before the truck burst into flames.

The vehicle was completely destroyed. The fire spread into the woods but was quickly contained with the help of crews from the Etowah Rural and Englewood Rural Fire Departments.

No injuries were reported.

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Athens Street Closures this Week



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

Rocky Mount Rd. from *Sterling Road* to *Dennis Street*. This closure will be from Monday, July 7 at 7:30 a.m. until Wednesday, July 9 at 5:30 p.m.

The purpose of this closure is for sewer line replacement.

Parking Spaces 217 & 218 on Washington Ave from White Street to Jackson Street. This closure will be on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The purpose of this closure is for Jim's Mattress and More Grand Opening Celebration and Ribbon Cutting event

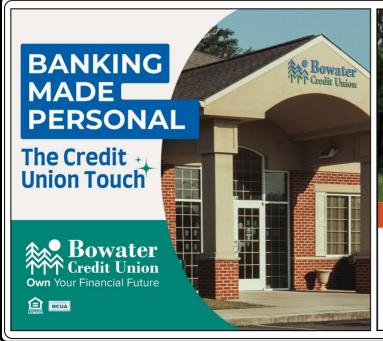
For more information, please contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.

Athens Municipal-Regional Planning meeting TODAY

The Athens Municipal-Regional Planning Commission will meet **TODAY**, **Monday**, **July 7 at 12:00 p.m.** in the conference room to review several items of new business. The agenda includes approval of minutes from the May 5 and May 27 meetings, followed by discussion and public comments on multiple development proposals.

Among the items up for consideration is a final plat request from Justin Welliver for property located off Scenic Drive and Avalon Street. The 3.39-acre site includes five buildable lots and one unbuildable lot, as listed under Tax Map 065B Group C Parcel 001.00 and Group B Parcel 076.00. Also on the agenda is a final plat submission from Betty Hicks for a 7.12-acre property in the Urban Growth Boundary off County Roads 132 and 134, proposing the creation of four new lots (Tax Map 064 Parcel 051.00).

Mesana Investments LLC will seek final plat approval for an 8.43-acre tract off Shadows Lawn Drive. The proposed development includes 40 residential lots and is listed under Tax Map 057 Parcel 086.00. Additionally, the commission will review a request for commercial driveway access for the new Drip Kitchen and Coffee House, planned for the corner of Decatur Pike and Mission Street. Each item on the agenda will allow for public input before a final decision is made.







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Obituaries

Winston "David" Mantooth, 81 of Calhoun, passed away on Wednesday, July 2. David was a graduate of Etowah High School and a Vietnam Veteran who served in the United States Army. He was also a member of Cleveland Amateur Radio Club. David retired after 32 years from Olin Corporation. Graveside service will be held Tuesday, July 8 at 11:00 a.m. in McMinn Memory Gardens. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

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Edna Lee Carroll Edwards, 87 of McMinn County, passed away on Thursday, July 3. Visitation and funeral services were held Saturday, July 5 at Ziegler Funeral Home. Interment followed at Cochran Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Edna Lee Carroll Edwards.

Brenda Faye Rayburn, 73, of Englewood, passed away on Friday, July 4. Brenda was a member of Stephensville Baptist Church. She enjoyed bird watching and gardening. Services will be announced at a later date. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Judith "Judy" Crothers, 83 of Athens, passed away on Sunday, July 6. Judy was a member of Keith Memorial United Methodist Church. She worked as a kindergarten teacher for over 30 years at Benton Elementary School. Judy's skills in stained glass artistry were shown by creating intricate and masterful pieces. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Sunday, July 13 in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. Family and friends will assemble at Green Hill Cemetery Monday, July 14, 2025 for the 11:00 a.m. graveside service, Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Jeffrey Charles Allen, 54 of Etowah, passed away on Friday, July 4. He was formerly employed with Peyton Manufacturing in Cleveland. Services will be announced at a later date. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.







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James Edward "Ed" Yates, 87 of McMinn County, passed away on Wednesday, July 2. He was a member of Short Creek Baptist Church. Visitation and funeral services were held on Sunday, July 6 at Ziegler Funeral Home. Interment followed funeral services at Foster Cemetery in Niota. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of James Edward "Ed" Yates.

Phillip Devaughn Hall, 84, passed away on Wednesday, July 2 in Oak Ridge, TN. He retired from Wabash Alloys in Indiana, moving to Ten Mile and Oliver Springs afterwards. Funeral Services will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9 in the Chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Interment will follow in the Meigs County Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 1-3 p.m., prior to the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Hall Family.

Angela Arnold, 62 of Cleveland, passed away on Tuesday July 2. Survivors and arrangements to be announced. Arrangements entrusted to M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

Carolyn Elizabeth (Dumplin) Rider, 79 of Englewood, passed away on Thursday, July 3 at Terra Bella Athens. Carolyn was a member of Wilson Station Presbyterian Church in Englewood for more than 60 years. She started her career working for the FBI in Washington DC, before finishing her college degree at UT-Knoxville. In her 32 years with the UT Extension, she led major nutrition and education programs, earned national recognition for her newsletters and radio work, and hosted a local TV show on cooking and food preservation. A funeral service was held on Sunday July 6 at Wilson Station Presbyterian Church, 276 Church Road in Madisonville, TN 37354. Interment followed the service at Wilson Station Cemetery. The family received friends from 4:30 to 5:30 P.M., prior to the service at the church. Arrangements by Biereley-Hale Funeral Home, Madisonville.

