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Athens, Tennessee

## Truck Overturns in Englewood; No Injuries Reported



A single-vehicle accident occurred early Tuesday morning when a 1989 Kenworth T60 hauling a CAT 308 excavator left the roadway

and overturned on County Road 468 around 1:30 a.m.

The driver was not injured in the crash. Responding agencies included the McMinn County Sheriff's Department, Etowah Rural Fire Department, and Englewood Rural Fire Department. Tennessee Highway Patrol Trooper Chandler Lamar is investigating the incident.

*Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural FD*

## Community News You Can Use

- The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum will host its 4th annual Living Legacy Trade Fair on Friday, August 22, and Saturday, August 23, from 12-5 p.m. each day at 522 West Madison Ave., Athens. This free, family-friendly event will feature demonstrations and exhibits highlighting traditional and pioneer life and folk art. (See ad below)
- The Athens Utilities Board's Budget and Finance Committee meeting is scheduled to take place today, Thursday, August 21 at 11:30a.m.
- Athens Area Council for the Arts is pleased to announce registration for several Artsplorations theatre workshops during Fall Break (October 6 - 10). All workshops are beginner-friendly. Participants should register by October 3 for Fall Artsplorations workshops. Information about the instructors, as well as links to register for all classes and workshops, is available online at [athensartscouncil.org/classes](http://athensartscouncil.org/classes). Please note there is a transaction fee to register online; however, students may register over the phone at 423-745-8781, or in person at The Arts Center, with no transaction fee.

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## McMinn County Living Heritage Museum



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**Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup> @ Noon - Free Admission**

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**Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 AM - Free Admission**

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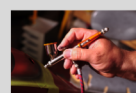
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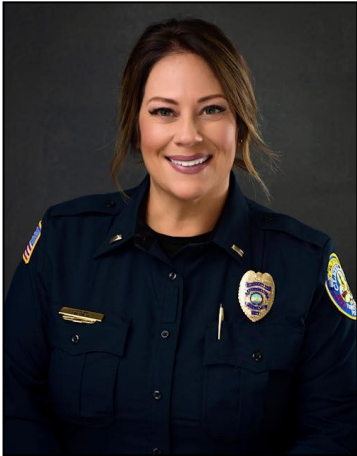
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## Cleveland Police Promote First Female, Hispanic Captain



The Cleveland Police Department has announced the promotion of **Lieutenant Evie Lastra West** to the rank of Captain, marking a historic milestone as she becomes the first female and the first Hispanic to hold the position in the department’s history.

Capt. West began her career with the department in 1999 as a volunteer Reserve Officer and its sole English/Spanish interpreter. Over the years, she has served in a variety of roles, including School Resource Officer, Public Information Officer, and Community Relations Unit Lieutenant.

Her new responsibilities include overseeing all School Resource Officers, the Cleveland Housing Authority Officer, the Crisis Intervention Team, Training and Accreditation, and Community Engagement initiatives—while continuing as the department’s spokesperson.

“Rising through the ranks, she has held diverse assignments,” the department said. “This promotion makes her the first female and the first Hispanic to hold the rank of Police Captain in the department’s history.”

Capt. West holds a master’s degree in Public Safety from Tennessee Tech University, teaches as an adjunct professor at Tennessee Wesleyan University, and is a Teaching Associate with the University of Tennessee Law Enforcement Innovation Center’s Institute for Public Safety.

The department described her as “a recognized servant leader” who has guided the agency through high-profile incidents, strengthened community relations, and built lasting programs to foster trust between law enforcement and the public.

Source: [Cleveland TN Police Department - Facebook](#)





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Athens, Tennessee

## Work Truck Crashes on I-75, Two Treated for Minor Injuries



A Chevy work truck carrying plumbing supplies veered off Interstate 75 near the 53-mile marker northbound around 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, striking several trees.

Two occupants of the truck sustained minor injuries. They were evaluated at the scene by AMR personnel but declined transport to the hospital.

Responding agencies included AMR, the Tennessee Highway Patrol, McMinn County Fire Department, Clearwater Fire Department, and Niota Fire Department. THP Trooper Travis Ryan is leading the investigation.

*Photo by Tonia Willis, Niota Rural FD*

## McMinn County Arrest Reports

**8-18-25**

**Jason Hatcher**, 44 of Vonore, charged with evading arrest, driving on revoked license, reckless endangerment, registration laws, DUI, and leaving the scene of an accident. \$17,000 bond.

**Ashley Gamey**, 33 of Englewood, charged with burglary and vandalism. \$33,000 bond.

**Jacob Skosal**, 24 of Benton charged with cruelty to animals. \$1,000 bond.

**Jarvis Alvaringa**, 40 of Ooltewah, charged with driving on a revoked license in Hamilton County.

**Colton Gowans**, 27 of Chattanooga, charged with violation of probation in Hamilton County.

**Dwight Howard**, 27 of Athens, charged with DUI. \$1,000 bond.

**Joshua Thomas**, 23 of Sweetwater, charged with DUI, possession of a firearm where alcohol is served, Violation of Implied consent. Bond \$4,000.

**Laura Worthington**, 41 of Knoxville, charged with violation of probation on a misdemeanor. Bond \$3,600.

**Ricardo Munoz**, 58 of Cleveland, charged with theft of property over \$500 and violation of probation. Bond \$2,366.45

**Paul Goff**, 41 of Athens, charged with public intoxication, public indecency, and resisting arrest. Bond \$6,000.

**Charles Davis**, 44 of Vonore, charged with failure to appear for possession of meth.

**Charleton Ammons**, 33 of Etowah, charged with tampering with evidence and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond \$4,000.

**William Pritchett**, 61 of Niota, charged with disorderly conduct. Bond \$500.

**Melissa Peeler**, 46 of Riceville, charged with theft of property. Bond \$4,000.

**Johnny Robinson**, 40 of Riceville, charged with child support. Bond \$5,000.

**Those accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered using Public Sources.**

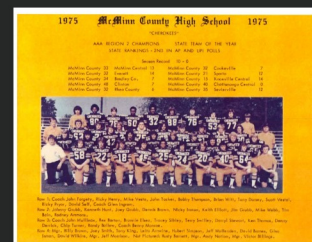
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Athens, Tennessee

## Tennessee Wesleyan Graduate Honors Late Father's Legacy



When Jayden Scott graduated from Tennessee Wesleyan University this month with a degree in criminal justice and a minor in chemistry, she honored the memory of her father, Deputy Sheriff Jason Scott, who was killed in the line of duty in 2004 just days before her birth. Deputy Scott served with the Loudon County Sheriff's Office and was only 24 when he died while responding to a domestic disturbance. A section of Interstate 75 is named in his memory, but his daughter is carrying his legacy even further.

Surrounded by her "Blue Line family" growing up, Jayden knew she wanted to follow the same path of service. After discovering an interest in forensics, she pursued internships with the Knoxville Police Department and Knox County Sheriff's Office, logging more than 170 hours alongside crime scene investigators and forensic specialists. Her experiences solidified her career goal of becoming a crime scene investigator.

Now a TWU alumna, she is applying to law enforcement agencies across Tennessee, determined to serve and carry on her family's legacy. *Edited from Release Submitted by Chrisi Jackson, TWU*

## Obituaries

**Bernice Hamby Stuart**, 95, of Cleveland, passed away Wednesday, August 20. Bernice was a faithful member of Maple Springs Baptist Church. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, August 24th in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Sunday prior to the service. Interment will follow the service in Reliance Cemetery at Hiwassee Union Church. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Marvin Tipton**, 85 of Etowah, passed away Wednesday, August 20. Marvin was a Christian of the Baptist faith and served in the Army National Guard. He owned and operated Tipton Furniture in Etowah for over 20 years and retired from Bowater. Marvin loved farming and enjoyed living his life one day at a time. Funeral services will be held at 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 25th in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Monday prior to the service. Family and friends will assemble in Green Hill Tuesday, August 26th at 11:00 a.m. for the committal service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

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