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Athens, Tennessee

TWU Senior Gracelyn Jackson Surpasses 1,000 Career Digs



Tennessee Wesleyan University volleyball senior Gracelyn Jackson was recognized Sept. 29 after reaching a major career milestone, recording her 1,000th career dig during the Lady Bulldogs' September 25th conference match. Jackson, a Cleveland native, was honored on her home court for the achievement.

The Lady Bulldogs continue to enjoy a strong season with a 15-4 overall record and a 6-2 mark in Appalachian Athletic Conference play, placing the team third in the league standings. Tennessee Wesleyan returns to action at home Tuesday, Oct. 6, when the Lady Bulldogs host Bryan College at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Source: Claire King



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Lawn Mower Catches Fire After Being Loaded on Trailer



A riding mower caught fire Friday morning shortly after being loaded onto a trailer following a mowing job.

According to the Etowah Rural Fire Department, the owner had finished mowing and loaded the Husqvarna mower onto a trailer when it suddenly burst into flames around 10

a.m. Firefighters responded and extinguished the blaze. No injuries were reported.

The Morning Fax would like to remind the public to use caution when operating and transporting lawn equipment. Dry grass clippings, fuel leaks, hot engine components, and electrical malfunctions can all pose a fire risk. Equipment owners are encouraged to inspect mowers regularly and keep a fire extinguisher readily available when transporting machinery.

Photo courtesy of the Etowah Rural FD

Constitution Week Observed with America 250 Bell Ringing



As part of Constitution Week and the nation's 250th anniversary celebration, members of American Heritage Girls Troop 1824, the Alexander Keith Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Hiwassee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution gathered at the E.G. Fisher Public Library to ring bells in honor of America 250. The commemorative event recognized the signing of the U.S. Constitution and highlighted the nation's sesquicentennial observance.

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McMinn County Arrest Report

October 04, 2026

Christopher Taylor, 53, of Etowah, charged with possession of Schedule II fentanyl for resale, DUI second offense, leaving the scene of an accident, drug paraphernalia, violation of an interlock device, driving on a revoked license, and violation of implied consent. Bond \$100,000.

John Underwood, 39, of Knoxville, charged with violation of state probation for possession of meth for resale.

Darrell Burkin, 61, of Athens, charged with simple possession of Schedule II, and drug paraphernalia.

Bond \$22,000.

Jennifer Hicks, 38, of Calhoun, charged with failure to appear for driving on a revoked license. Bond \$3,000.

Earl Ludwick, 48, of Cleveland, charged with violation of probation for possession of meth. Bond \$2,000.

Corey Mullin, 38, of Cleveland, charged with failure to appear for drug paraphernalia.

Tyler Boggess, 28, of Sweetwater, charged with possession of Schedule II meth.

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



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Grave Marking Ceremony Planned for Revolutionary War Patriots

The Alexander Keith Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) will host a grave marking ceremony on Saturday, October 17, at 2 p.m. at Cedar Springs Cemetery, 181 County Road 703.

The ceremony will be honoring Revolutionary War patriots Thomas Steed and John McMahan, along with their wives, Phebe Tucker Steed and Mary (Polly) McMahan,

The event is being held as part of the America 250 Semiquincentennial commemoration and is open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair.

For more information, contact Janet Cantrell, chapter regent, at 423-368-4989.

Obituaries

Ronnie Burris, 80, of Chattanooga, passed away Friday, October 2. A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, October 7 at 2:00 p.m. at Chattanooga National Cemetery. [Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah](#) is in charge of arrangements.

Joe Roger Cockrell, 83, of Athens passed away Saturday, October 3. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, and one of the early member of Chilhowee Rod and Gun Club. He was an expert marksman, and served 38 years in the U.S. Army and National Guard, retiring in 2003. The family will receive friends from 5-7 pm on Thursday, October 8 in the chapel of Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. The funeral will follow at 7 pm. The burial will be 2 pm Friday, October 9 at McMinn Memory Gardens. [Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home](#) will be in charge of the arrangements.

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