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Medical Emergency Leads to Airlift



Etowah Rural Fire Department first responders assisted AMR on a medical call on County Road 788 in Etowah early Wednesday morning around 1:30 a.m. after a patient repeatedly drifted in and out of consciousness.

After receiving treatment at the scene, the patient was transported to Old Salem Baptist Church on Highway 163 in Delano, where Etowah Rural Fire, Calhoun Fire and Claxton Fire departments had established a landing zone for a LifeForce medical helicopter. The patient was then airlifted to Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga for further treatment.

Photo courtesy of the Etowah Rural FD

Community News You Can Use

- Starr Regional Medical Center will host its annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Tuesday, Dec. 1, from 5:15-6 p.m. at its Athens campus. The free event will feature Christmas carols, cookies, hot chocolate, cider, photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and the official tree lighting at 5:45 p.m. For more information, call 423-745-1411 or visit StarrRegional.com.
- The City of Athens Board of Zoning Appeals meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, November 25 has been cancelled.
- The Good Faith Clinic, a United Way agency, will be open Tuesday for doctor visits and prescription refills beginning at 3 p.m., with test results available starting at 3:45 p.m. The free clinic serves uninsured McMinn and Meigs County residents ages 18-64 and meets at Christ Community Church, 18 S. Congress Parkway in Athens. The clinic has changed its normal schedule due to the holidays.

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

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Local & Regional Football Results

This past week, Cleveland fell to Riverdale. Meigs County remained undefeated with a victory against Sequatchie County. Meanwhile, Tennessee is closer to securing a spot in the College Football Playoffs after a decisive victory over Louisiana State as they prepare for their last game of the regular season against Vanderbilt this coming week in Nashville.



Food City to Host United Way Celebrity Bagging Event

United Way is proud to once again team up with Food City to host the 20th annual Celebrity Bagging event in support of their annual fundraising campaign. The event will take place on **Tuesday, November 24, 2026 - from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. locally at the Food City of Athens and Etowah as well as other Food City stores in the area.**

Local celebrities from throughout the region have volunteered their time and talents to bag groceries at participating Food City locations. Shoppers who wish to do so can contribute to the United Way at the checkout, via collection containers; or they can elect to have their contribution conveniently added to their grocery total. All donations will benefit area United Way campaigns. The United Way allocates resources to member agencies that address the most pressing human service needs.





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McMinn County Arrest Report

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Dallas Moses, 33, of Athens, charged with DUI. Bond $15,000.

Miranda Coffelt, 44, of Athens, charged with simple possession of schedule 2 fentanyl, drug paraphernalia, and violation of probation for possession of paraphernalia. Bond $25,000.

John Davis, 33, of Sweetwater, charged with failure to appear for theft under $1,000. Bond $4,000.

Hannah Mills, 25, of Athens, charged with domestic assault.

Rocky Willis, 38, of Niota, charged with schedule 2 meth for resale, schedule 2 fentanyl for resale, and drug paraphernalia. Bond $66,000.

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Bradley Butts, 31, of Sweetwater, charged with state violation of probation, for possession of meth for resale, unlawful carry or possession of a weapon, armed and dangerous felonies, possession of schedule 2 meth for resale, possession of schedule 2 cocaine for resale, possession of schedule 2 oxymorphone hydrochloride for resale, possession of schedule six, driving on a suspended license, and failure to maintain lane. Bond $248,000.

Gage Reeves, 24, of Maryville, charged with DUI. Bond $2,000.

Marta Feliciana, 28, of Dayton, charged with driving without a license.

Casey Dubose, 38, of Farner, Tennessee, charged with DUI, violation of implied consent, and possession of a handgun while under the influence. Bond $6,000.

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







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Obituaries

Ronald Ray "Razor" Hardin, 83, of Benton, passed away on Thursday, November 19. He worked in construction for Webb & Sons and Hatcher's. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 23 at Bordwine Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 24 at Bordwine Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Delano Community Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Brenda Faye Wilson, 78, of Etowah, passed away on Saturday, November 23. She retired from Mills Products on July 31, 2020, after 19 years of dedicated service. She was a member of New Zion Baptist Church. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 25 in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. Family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Wednesday prior to the service. Interment will follow the service in New Zion Baptist Church Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Tammie Moses Thompson, 67, of Etowah, passed away on Friday, November 20. A completed obituary will be posted soon. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Charlotte E. George, 86, of Cleveland, passed away on Thursday, November 19 surrounded by her family and loved ones. Survivors and funeral services to be announced by M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home & Cremation Service.

Shannon "Paige" Burris Veals, 34, of Athens, passed away on Friday, November 20. She graduated from Polk County High School in 2011. She will be remembered as a sweet and loving person whose kindness touched those around her. No formal services will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Ralph Henry Buchanan, 80, of Athens, passed away on Friday, November 20. He spent more than 30 years as a welder-fitter at ASTEC, building a career through determination, perseverance, and a strong work ethic. He was a member of Athens First Church of God. Visitation will be held on Monday, November 23 from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the chapel of Companion Funeral and Cremation Service of Athens. A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, November 24 at 11:00 a.m. at McMinn Memory Gardens. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

Berneta Crittenden Quirk, 92, of Etowah, passed away on Sunday, November 22. She was an employee of Woods Memorial Hospital as an administrative assistant for many years. She was a servant and active member of Keith Memorial United Methodist Church. A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, November 24 at 12:00 p.m. at Green Hill Cemetery. Family will receive friends from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Tuesday in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.



