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Friday, October 12, 2018

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ DECATUR MAN DIES ON "THE DRAGON"

A Decatur man, 70-year-old Douglas Stoeppelwerth, is the latest person to be killed on the curvy Blount County road known as "The Dragon." Stoeppelwerth was riding his motorcycle on Highway 129 on Monday when he crossed the double yellow line and collided with a car. He was then thrown into the path of another oncoming car. He was the second motorcyclist to be killed on "The Dragon" in the past week.

◆ CAR DAMAGED BY FIRE ON HIGHWAY 411

The Englewood and Etowah rural fire departments responded to a vehicle fire on Highway 411 South Wednesday evening. The photo by Lynn Ingram of the Englewood Rural Fire Department shows Englewood firefighter Devin Jenkins spraying foam on the engine of the 2003 Nissan Maxima, which was heavily damaged.



State & Local News

◆ Hurricane Michael left a trail of destruction in its wake after making landfall on the Florida Panhandle Wednesday as a Category 4 storm. About 920,000 households and businesses are without power across Florida, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina and North Carolina, and more than 30,000 workers from at least 24 states have been mobilized to restore power. At least six people have died, including an 11-year-old girl.

♦ IT'S TIME FOR PUMPKINTOWN

The annual Pumpkintown Festival takes place in Downtown Athens Saturday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Events include a Habitat for Humanity Pancake Breakfast from 7 to 11 at Market Park Pavilion. The Christ's Legacy 5k run/1 mile fun walk at 7:30. A Harvest Faire at St. Paul's Episcopal Church from 9 to 5 with breakfast and lunch, crafts, baked goods, jewelry and more. The McMinn Humane Society will have an adopt-a-thon from 10:30 to 11:30. The East Tennessee Corvette Club Car Show is 10 to 3. The Scott Crisp Memorial Pow Wow is 10 to 5. The Living Heritage Museum Quilt Show is 10 to 5 and the Battle of Athens exhibit opens at 2:30 at the Museum. There will be vendors, a petting zoo and pony rides, and entertainment on three stages.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ A support group dealing with loss of a loved one will be held Tuesday, October 16th, at 7 p.m. at the Athens Nerve & Spine Institute, 620 N. Congress Parkway. For information, call Dr. Lucille Dietrick at 746-4544 or Larry Blankenship at 506-2059.



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Obituaries

- Floyd Henry "Boob" Watson, age 91, of Englewood, died Wednesday at Madisonville Health and Rehab. He was vice president of production at Niota Textile Mills for many years. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m.
- Eddy Neal "Tinker" Ogle, age 78, of Calhoun, died Thursday at his home. He worked for Wright Brothers Construction for over 39 years. Graveside services will be Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. at South Liberty Cemetery, with visitation from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at Companion Funeral Home of Athens.
- Maggie Lynn "Missy" Castillo, age 47, of Athens, died Wednesday. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Laycock -Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from noon to 2.
- **Sherman Michael Pelletier**, age 75, of Decatur, and formerly of Maine, died Wednesday at his home. He served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Reserve Fleet during the Vietnam Conflict. A memorial service with military honors will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Bowers Funeral Home. There will be no visitation.

MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

The 9th Annual Think Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon will be held Tuesday, October 16th, from noon to 1 p.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church. The guest speaker will be Tracy De-Graaf, Christian author, speaker, and breast cancer survivor. Tickets are \$20, available at Starr Regional and the DPA office.

FOOTBALL: The McMinn High School Cherokees play at William Blount...Central hosts Signal Mountain...and Meigs County will host Oneida. UT plays at Auburn. Kickoff is at 12 noon and will be televised on the SEC network.

Church News & Events

- Thomas Brown will be singing at Pope Avenue Baptist Church in Athens this Sunday at 6 p.m. The church is located at 301 Pope Street in Athens.
- The McMinn Car Care Ministry will have its next Free Oil Change on Saturday, October 20th. This is for those who are widowed, single parents, or living on a fixed income. Call 263-0160 to apply before October 13th.

ATHENS NATIVE SWORN IN TO PRACTICE BEFORE THE U.S. SUPREME COURT

Tuesday to present cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. Her mom, Sandra Johnson of Athens, sent us this photo of Lt. Johnson standing with her husband, Matt Srolestar, at Supreme Court building in Washington.



