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Monday, April 1, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

Truck Puts the "Squeeze" on Car

Nobody was injured during the noon hour last Friday when an 18-wheeler put the "squeeze" on a car. The truck was making a turn at Maple Street and Old Riceville Road in Athens when the driver apparently turned too sharply and the car wound up getting caught between the truck and the curb. Traffic was tied up while the two vehicles were untangled.



(Photos by Sandra Russell)



Hiwassee College to Close

Hiwassee College in Madisonville will close its doors at the end of the spring semester due to financial reasons. The Board of Trustees voted last Thursday to close the school on May 10th. The college was founded in 1849 and offered associate and four-



year degrees. It has been closely tied to the Methodist Church since its founding and has been officially operated by the Holston Conference since 1937. For years, students helped pay the cost of attending Hiwassee College by working on the school's farm or doing other work on campus. That made it possible for students from poor families to attend college. Morning Fax editor Bob Ketchersid had an uncle who showed up at Hiwassee College with just five-dollars in his pocket. The education he got there led him to become a Methodist minister. The reasons given for the closing include declining enrollment, the school's rural location, and free or highly subsidized tuition for public colleges. Currently, 225 students are enrolled full-time. Thirty-three students are set to graduate from Hiwassee College this spring.

TODAY IN HISTORY April 1st

Today is April Fool's Day. The observance originated in France after a new calendar was adopted in 1564. Until then, the New Year was celebrated on April 1st. When it was changed to January 1st, some people still celebrated it on April 1st. They came to be known as April Fools.

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Obituaries

♦ **Cecil Ray Martin**, age 87, of Athens, died Saturday at Life Care Center of Athens. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He was associated with TVA and Haren Construction as a carpenter until his retirement. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at McMinn Memory Gardens. There will be no formal visitation. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Karen Joe Walker**, age 56, of Athens, died last Thursday at Parkwest Medical Center. She had worked for Tax Plus. A celebration of her life will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

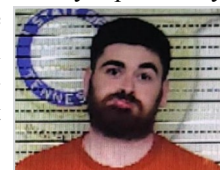
♦ **Lillian Mae Frye**, 78, of Athens, died last Wednesday in Flowery Branch, Georgia. Funeral services were held this past Saturday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

◆ ETOWAH BUSINESS IS CLOSING

ConMet's Etowah machining plant announces it is closing its doors. ConMet (Consolidated Metco Inc.) produces brake drums for the Class 8 Truck market. They made their first shipment in August 2000. ConMet officials say it is solely a business decision based on the rising costs of materials and supplies associated with the manufacturing processes. ConMet says its plan is to run full production through the month of April and then ramp down production in order to completely cease operations at the end of May. All of the hourly employees will be given an opportunity to transfer to ConMet plants in North Carolina.

Man Arrested After Standoff

A former Decatur police officer was taken into custody after a standoff with Athens police on Eastanallee Avenue Saturday night. Police officers observed the suspect, Eobard Thawne, enter his residence on Eastanallee Avenue at approximately 7 p.m. They were aware of active warrants for Thawne from Meigs County for theft and official misconduct. The TBI had obtained indictments against Thawne after determining that last December 1st, while an officer with the Decatur Police Department, Thawne seized a firearm from a driver who was involved in a traffic accident and kept the gun for himself. He resigned from the Decatur Police Department in January. When Athens police attempted to arrest him at his residence, he barricaded himself inside and refused to come out. Eventually, members of the Athens Police Department Swat Team made entry into the residence and took Thawne into custody. No one was injured. Traffic on Eastanallee Avenue was closed during the three-hour standoff. Thawne was charged with evading arrest and resisting stop, as well as official misconduct and theft in Meigs County. Bond was set at \$5,500.



LISTENING REMINDER: The guest on the Main Street Athens radio show, "Main Street Moments", will be Kelly Mille with "All Things New." You can hear the program each Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, FM 94.5 and AM 1390 or [ONLINE](#)

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