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Friday, October 11, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

## Judge Refuses to Dismiss Wielzen Charges

Judge Sandra Donaghy has denied the motion to dismiss the charges against Joseph Wielzen on the grounds he has been denied a speedy trial. Wielzen is accused of raping and killing Kelsey Burnette in Etowah in 2017. Police say she was murdered on the night of June 30th or the early morning of July 1st, 2017. Her body was found on July 4th. Wielzen was arrested a year later in connection with her murder. Judge Donaghy ruled the delay in his trial was necessary for fair prosecution. She said she does not believe Wielzen faces the level of anxiety that amounts to prejudice in court. The judge mentioned that Wielzen testified he did not know what anxiety was when asked by his attorney. The court is now moving on to a defense motion for a change of venue so Wielzen can have a fair trial. There are 33 more motions to be ruled on prior to the trial. Judge Donaghy says the trial is set to begin on November 13th.

## SEVERAL STREET CLOSINGS ON SATURDAY

Due to the Pumpkintown Festival, streets in Downtown Athens will be closed from Friday, October 11th, at 3:30 p.m. until Saturday, October 12th, at 7:30 p.m. Several streets will be occupied by runners, walkers, and spectators from 7 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. Saturday for the Christ's Legacy Academy 5K at Pumpkintown. Those streets include Jackson St., Madison Ave., College St., Keith Lane, Crestway Drive, and McMinn Avenue. Use caution and watch out for the participants.

## Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The Athens Parks and Recreation Department announces that the last day the Splashpad at Athens Regional Park will be open will be this Sunday, October 13th. The pad will close for the season beginning Monday, October 14th. The playground will remain open year-round and pavilion reservations may continue to be made by calling the Parks Department at 744-2700, ext. 3
- ✓ The Meigs County Fire Department District 4 will have their annual Pancake Breakfast this Sunday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fire station is located at Center Point Road and Highway 58. They will be serving pancakes and sausage or sausage gravy and biscuits. To-go boxes will be available. Donations will be accepted.
- ✓ The Hiwassee SAR Chapter invites you to attend a program about the life and times of Harry T. Burn from Niota. His vote changed the course of history and caused the 19th Amendment to be ratified, bringing equality for women closer. Author Tyler L. Boyd will speak about Burn at Mexi-Wing at 112 N. White St. Monday at 6:15 p.m.

**FOOTBALL SCHEDULES:** MCHS plays at Notre Dame...McMinn Central travels to Copper Basin...Meigs County will play at South Pittsburg with an 8 p.m. kickoff with live coverage at 7:30 p.m. on WYXI, FM-94.5 and [ONLINE](#) Walker Valley plays at Marion County...and Sequoyah will host Howard. The Vols host Mississippi State Saturday noon on SEC network.

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## Obituaries

♦ **Billie Lee Reid**, age 85, of Englewood, died Thursday. Grave-side services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at McMinn Memory Gardens. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### TEACHING FIRE PREVENTION TO STUDENTS

The Athens Fire Department visited Ingleside Elementary School this week. The students were able to spend time with fire crews, see their equipment, and learn about fire prevention,  
(Photo courtesy of Athens Fire Department)



## Church News & Events

- There will be a Gospel Concert featuring Felix McCullough, recoding artist and song writer, tomorrow, October 12th at St. Mark AME Zion Church, 707 N. Jackson Street, at 7 p.m. The New Gospel Sensations will also perform. Call 423-708-9117 for more information.

- There will be a benefit singing for Stanley Guinn on Saturday, October 12th, at 6 p.m. at Valley Road Baptist Church, 860 County Road 187. Featured singers will be The Liberty Boys. Proceeds will assist Stanley and his family with medical expenses.

- A grief class/support group is being held each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. through November 5th at Central Baptist Church on Nash Street in Athens.

- Everlasting Life Christian Center will celebrate Pastor Kevin Harris and Sister Brenda Harris for faithfulness in ministry on Sunday, October 27th. The 10 a.m. speaker will be Rodney Dunn, pastor of Mountain View United Methodist Church in Dayton. After the service, dinner will be held at the McMinn Senior Center.

- Solid Rock Baptist Church, 4975 US 11, Calhoun, will observe Homecoming with The Inspirations on Sunday, October 13th, at 10:30 a.m.

- Trinity United Methodist Church in Athens will hold a yard sale on October 18th and 19th starting at 7 a.m. each day.

- Celebrate Recovery meets every Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Englewood Church of God.

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