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Today's News...This Morning

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Friday, February 21, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

### **Athens Teen Dies in Motorcycle Crash**

A 17-year-old young man from Athens was killed in a motorcycle accident on Highway 30 West at County Road 180 Wednesday morning. The state patrol identified the victim as Trevan Green of Athens. The THP says Green failed to stop at the stop sign and pulled in front of a Nissan which was traveling westbound on Highway 30. After impact, the Nissan went into the median, running over the motorcycle before coming to rest about 340 feet from the point of impact. The motorcycle rider came to rest in the eastbound side of the highway. The driver of the Nissan was not injured. The THP says no charges will be filed.

### McMinn Is 2nd Amendment Sanctuary

McMinn County is now a Second Amendment Sanctuary county. The McMinn County Commission gave unanimous approval to a motion made by Commissioner Charlie Slack at its monthly meeting this past Monday night. The resolution spells out McMinn County's commitment to protecting the rights and privileges provided by the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which gives people the right to keep and bear arms. The Bradley County Commission also passed a resolution this week making Bradley County a Second Amendment Sanctuary county. That vote was also unanimous.

## **Community News You Can Use**

- ✓ The Gem Players will hold auditions for the comedy, **First Baptist of Ivy Gap**, this Sunday, February 23rd, at 3 p.m. and Monday, February 24th, at 6 p.m. at the Gem Theater in Etowah. Show dates are April 23-May 10th. The comedy calls for six female roles of varying ages. Auditions will include readings from the script. (See their ad below for more details)
- ✓ CapStar Bank will host a free Homebuyer Seminar on Tuesday, March 3rd, at 6 p.m. at the Dominion Senior Living Center Community Room at 2090 West Madison Avenue in Athens. The seminar is open to the public and will be especially valuable for first-time homebuyers. A free dinner will be provided. If you plan to attend, RSVP to Nicole Gibbs by March 1st at 649-1417.
- ✓ County Road 166 (Mine Road) will be closed Saturday, Feb. 22nd, 1,000 feet from the Highway 30 end, for road repairs.
- ✓ The Cherokee Beekeepers Association will have their monthly meeting next Tuesday, February 25th, at 7 p.m. at the farmers Co-Op on North Congress Parkway in Athens.

### SCHOOLS CLOSINGS FOR FRIDAY

- ✓ The Athens City Schools and Kids Connection will be closed on Friday due to the possibility of icing on the streets.
- ✓ McMinn County Schools will be closed on Friday due to possible icing on the county roads.



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at Historic Gem Theater on Sunday, February 23 @ 3 p.m. & Monday, February 24 @ 6 p.m. Play calls for 6 women of varying ages. Auditions/readings from the script. Show dates are April 24-May 10. Call 423-263-3270 or email gem\_players@bellsouth.net

#### WEATHER FORECAST

Friday - Chilly & sunny. Icy in spots. High 42.

Friday Night - Clear & cold. Low 20.

Saturday - Sunny. High 52. Saturday Night - Clear & cold. Low 25.

**Sunday -** Mostly cloudy. High 52. Weather at: wyxi.com

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## **Obituaries**

- George Bryan "Connie" Lee Crofts, age 70, of Knoxville, and formerly of Athens, died last Friday at his residence. A Celebration of Connie's Life will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in Hammonds Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- Virginia B. Worthy, age 86, of Athens, died Feb. 13th. Services and burial have already been held at Chattanooga National Cemetery. Companion Funeral Home of Athens was in charge of arrangements.
- Mable Jerline Osborn Moser Wacker, age 84, of Sweetwater, died Wednesday at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. on Saturday at The Family Worship Center located on 250 CR 378 in Athens with visitation on Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens.

#### SUMNER REPORTS ON STATE OF THE CITY

Athens City Manager C. Seth Sumner presented his 3rd Annual



State of the City address to the Athens Optimist Club Thursday morning. He listed the following: Sales Tax Revenue increased 4.98% in 2019; the daytime population of Athens is over 30,000; Police had a 53% case clearance rate in 2019, up from 33% two years ago; and 46% of the work force in

McMinn County live outside the county.

### **Church News & Events**

- Athens Lutheran Church will have an Ash Wednesday Service on February 26th at 7 p.m.
- The Gospel Sensations and the Gospel Jazz Trio, 3Play, featuring Felix McCullough, will be in concert on Saturday, February 29th, at 6 p.m. at Athens City Middle School. A \$10 donation will be accepted at the door.
- The Annual Black History Tea will be held at Lane's Chapel Church in Niota this Sunday, Feb. 23rd. The event will include a fashion show and Ethnic Special Presentation by the District First Lady Noreen Gazdepko.
- Celebrate Recovery meets each Sunday at the Englewood Church of God at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Star Pickett at 506-4851.
- The New Speer Family will sing at Solid Rock Baptist Church in Calhoun on February 23rd at 10:30 a.m.
- Revival services will be held at Tellico Avenue Baptist Church March 1st-6th. James Langston will preach Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Darwin Nelson will speak Wednesday night. Services begin at 7 p.m.
- Athens Lutheran Church will hold a spaghetti dinner fund raiser Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 and includes entrée, salad, dessert, and a drink. Take out is available The church is located at 710 Forrest Avenue.

### **TODAY IN HISTORY - FEBRUARY 21st**

- **1613** Mikhail Romanov, age 16, was unanimously chosen by Russia's national assembly to be czar, beginning a dynasty that would last three centuries.
- 1885 The Washington Monument was dedicated in our nation's capital, 37 years after the start of construction.
- **1901** The first Republic of Cuba was created, establishing the island as an independent nation. However, the United States reserved its right to intervene when necessary for the preservation of law and order. A U.S. military government continued to govern the country until Cuba elected its first president in 1902.
- 1945 During the World War II Battle of Iwo Jima, the escort carrier USS Bismarck Sea was sunk by kamikazes with the loss of 318 men.
- **1947** Edwin H. Land publicly demonstrated his Polaroid Land camera, which could produce a black-and-white photograph in 60 seconds. The first commercially available model was first sold to the public in November of 1948.
- 1958 Country singer Mary Chapin Carpenter was born. One of her best-known hit records is "Twist and Shout." 1965- Black Muslim leader and civil rights activist Malcolm X, 39, was shot to death inside Harlem's Audubon Ballroom in New York by assassins identified as members of the Nation of Islam. (Three men were convicted of murder and imprisoned; all were eventually paroled.)
- 1972 Richard Nixon became the first U.S. President to visit China.
- 1973 Israeli fighter planes shot down Libyan Arab Airlines Flight 114 over the Sinai Desert, killing all but five of the 113 people on board.
- 1975 Judge John Sirica sentenced former Nixon administration officials John Mitchell, H.R. Haldeman, and John Erlichman to prison for their roles in the Watergate cover-up.