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Friday, June 12, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

ETOWAH MAN KILLED IN CAR-TRAIN CRASH

The Tennessee Highway Patrol has identified the driver of a car who was killed when he drove into the path of a train on Wednesday morning. He was Armando A. Fernandez-Pascual, 81, of Etowah. The THP says the train was traveling east on Norfolk Southern tracks when the car driven by Fernandez-Pascual crossed into the train's path on County Road 717 just off U.S. 11. The train struck the left center of the car, pushing it about 2,600 feet. Fernandez was killed and pronounced dead at the scene.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE AS OF JUNE 11

The number of confirmed cases of the coronavirus in Tennessee has increased by 471, now standing at 28,340. There have been 441 deaths, an increase of 5. McMinn County's total number of cases has increased to 161, up 2 from Wednesday. Of those, 122 patients have recovered and 14 have died. The totals in Monroe County are 75 cases with 63 recoveries and 4 deaths. Bradley County's total at this point is 241, with 165 recoveries and 2 deaths. In Polk County there have been 24 cases of the virus and 20 patients have recovered. Meigs County reports 28 cases with 27 recoveries. Rhea County's total is 220, with 206 recovered.

SUMMER FUN: As part of the camp from home program, McMinn County is hosting a virtual talent show! To enter simply email your recording to: omartin5@utk.edu The show is open to 4-H'ers in grades 4 to 12. Acts should be no longer than 3 minutes. The entry deadline is 5 p.m. Monday, June 15th.

Athens Orator Places 3rd

Savannah Starkey, a 6th grader at Athens City Middle School, placed 3rd in the GATEway (Georgia/East Tennessee) Optimist Oratorical Contest this past weekend. More than 5,000 students from 36 cities competed. Savannah won the local, zone, and area contests. She is the daughter of Lacey and Chad Starkey.



(Photo by Richard Newman)

TIME TO WAVE THE FLAG

This Sunday, June 14th, is Flag Day. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress.

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To our loyal customers: We had planned to open June 1st, however, with the current meat situation we are unable to get the meat shipments required until the meat processing issues are resolved. With that said, we will have to delay the opening. At the present time, we do not have an anticipated opening date. **Western Sizzlin'.**

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Obituaries

- ♦ **James Alex Moses**, age 84, of Athens, died Wednesday at Athens Place Senior Living. He was employed by Colonial Baking Company and operated the Bakery Store in Athens for many years. He was a member of the 134th Air Refueling Group of the Tennessee Air National Guard. Because of the Covid-19 virus, a private graveside service will be held Saturday, June 13th, in Green Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Faye Jenkins Lewis**, age 94, of the Claxton Community, died Tuesday. In 1946, she took a job at the first Sears Store in Athens working for 43½ cents an hour. She rose through the ranks of Sears and not only managed, but also owned her own Sears Store in Etowah. A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. next Tuesday, June 16th, at Double Springs Baptist Church Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Gary Michael Arnold**, age 62, of Gainesville, GA, died Wednesday at his home. He was a son of Betty Hutsell of Athens. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Daniel 'Dan' Cox**, age 75, died Sunday in a health care facility in Crossville. He was well known as a general fix-it man and would volunteer helping with home improvement projects. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army where he served in the Vietnam Conflict. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday at M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens with visitation at 1:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Armando Alberto Fernandez Pascual**, age 81, of Etowah, died Wednesday. He was a native of Valverde Mao-Dominican Republic and a resident of McMinn County since 2007. Armando served in the Dominican Republic Army and was responsible for driving the President of the Country. A Funeral Mass will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday at St. Mary Catholic Church. Family and friends may call after 12 noon Saturday at Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Richard Michael Belcher**, age 34, of Riceville, died Wednesday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. He was an employee of Belcher's Tree Service. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at McMinn Memory Gardens with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday at Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Walter F. Parkinson**, age 87, of Riceville, died Thursday at his home. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He was employed with Bowater's Power Steam Department and retired after 39 years. He was also an avid farmer. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. prior to the service.

Church News & Events

- During the month of June, First Baptist Church of Athens is holding one Sunday service. The time is 9:30 a.m. Social distancing is being observed. Vacation Bible School at First Baptist has been re-scheduled for the week of July 20th-23rd.
- The Home Service Class from Keith UMC will be broadcast live on WYXI Radio FM 94.5/AM 1390 at 10 a.m. Sunday.
- Union McMinn Baptist Church will hold VBS July 19-24 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. with supper served nightly. Call 568-2395.
- Trinity United Methodist Church will "Worship in the Park" in Knight Park next to the church this Sunday at 10:45 a.m. Bring a lawn chair and practice social distancing.
- Athens Lutheran Church will resume the 8 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service in the sanctuary on June 21st. The 10:30 a.m. service will continue to be broadcast over a low-powered FM transmitter for those who wish to participate from the parking lot.
- The Athens Christian Church at 802 Matlock Avenue will be having a worship and prayer service on June 14th from 6-6:30 p.m. in the church parking lot. You are invited to stay in your car and turn on the radio as the service is broadcast on a low-powered FM transmitter or bring lawn chairs and sit beside your car.
- Buttram Chapel Methodist Church and Cemetery, 700 CR 220, will have their annual Homecoming service on Sunday, June 21st, at 11 a.m. Due to the coronavirus, there will be no lunch.
- Voice of Deliverance Ministry Church of God in Christ will be hosting an event called "Altar'd" to be held on Friday June 19, 2020 from 6-8 p.m. at the Athens Market Park Pavilion. There will be a peaceful protest of prayer and worship for justice and unity. All are invited. There will be food vendors there with food items for sale.



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