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Athens, Tennessee

Etowah Man Dies in Cycle Crash

An Etowah man, 32-year-old Eric Daniel Cline, was killed in a motorcycle accident on South White Street near Highway 39 last Friday afternoon. Athens Police Chief Cliff Couch says the investigation indicates that a 2004 Chevy Silverado driven by Taylor Watson was exiting the parking lot of the Kangaroo Convenience Store and apparently pulled in front of Cline, who was driving a 2008 Kawasaki motorcycle. The motorcycle struck the truck. Cline was pronounced dead at the scene. Chief Couch says the investigation is ongoing. Chief Couch says his thoughts and prayers are with the victim's family. The Athens Police Department also wants to encourage drivers to be especially vigilant for motorcycles during the summer months when the weather is conducive to riding.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

- ✓ The United Way's annual 2020 Week of Caring has been scheduled for the week of August 17th-20th. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they will be spreading the annual Day of Caring into a WEEK of Caring to ensure social distancing, health, and safety for everyone. There will be virtual, remote, and on-site volunteer opportunities available throughout the week. Click [HERE](#) to register to volunteer.
- ✓ The MCHS Class of 1970 Reunion scheduled for this coming Saturday, July 25th, has been cancelled due to the pandemic. It has been rescheduled for March 21st 2021.

SEN. BELL: "RESPONSIBLE RECREATION"

State Sen. Mike Bell of Riceville has written an editorial on outdoor recreation during the pandemic. He points out that activities like hunting, fishing, recreational shooting, boating, and hiking the state's trails are activities where people can easily adhere to social distancing guidelines. In addition, Sen. Bell says sales of hunting and fishing licenses and excise taxes on firearms, ammunition, fishing tackle and motorboat fuel help fund many state fish and wildlife management agencies. He says outdoor recreation in Tennessee generates \$1.4 billion. Senator Bell is a member of the Tennessee Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Tennessee's COVID-19 cases went up 1,639 since Sunday. The total now stands at 79,754. To date, there have been 847 deaths in Tennessee, up 4 in the past 24 hours.

McMinn County: Total cases of the virus to date, 371. That is up 8 from Sunday. Currently there are 138 active cases. The total number of deaths remains at 19.

Meigs County: Total cases to date, 53. Twenty-two of those patients are still active. The remainder have recovered.

Monroe County: Total cases to date, 185, with 46 active cases. The death total remains at 7.

Bradley County: 1,239 total cases, up 34 from Sunday. There are 464 active cases, and the death total stands at 7.

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax. If you take a newsworthy photograph, send it to: wxyi@bellsouth.net

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WEATHER FORECAST

Tuesday: Some sun, cloudy & humid. Possible t'storms in P.M. High 93.

Tue Night: Cloudy & Humid. T'storms in spots. Low 73.

Wednesday: Humid. T'storms possible. High 91.

Thursday: Cloudy. High 88.

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Obituaries

♦ **David Alan Anderson**, age 56, of Niota, died Sunday at Park-west Hospital in Knoxville. He served in the US Navy from 1985 to 1993. He was a truck driver for Schneider National for 24 years and received the award for 2 million miles of safe driving. A memorial service will be at 4 p.m. on Friday at Companion Funeral Home in Athens with visitation from 12 to 4 p.m. prior to the service.

MORE CORONAVIRUS NEWS HEADLINES

- ♦ Health officials have identified a COVID-19 cluster at Harrah's Cherokee Casino in Cherokee, North Carolina, after five employees at the table games section tested positive. All positive employees are following isolation orders. The casino has more than 3,000 employees. Officials say they have no knowledge that any customers have contracted the virus.
- ♦ Due to recent spikes in COVID-19 cases, the Bahamas is closing its borders to travelers from the United States beginning tomorrow (Wednesday). Flights and ships from the U.S. will not be allowed. The Bahamas is also stopping all outgoing flights to the U.S. Some exceptions may be made for emergency and essential personnel.

TRAFFIC ADVISORY: Slack Road will be blocked again today (Tuesday) from between Shadows Lawn Drive and Old Slack Road for stormwater pipe repairs.

Another McMinn Co. History Moment

Here is another moment in McMinn County History researched and written by Sheriff and historian Joe Guy:

Jesse was about 70 years old when he moved his family to McMinn county in 1824, settling on a small farm just a few miles east of Athens, along the bubbling waters of Middle Creek. Jesse had been born in Pennsylvania about 1750, but as a child his parents Israel and Martha had passed away. Jesse was taken in by his uncle Daniel and his new wife Rebecca, moving to the Yadkin River area of North Carolina.

Uncle Daniel was a hunter and Indian fighter, and would later move on to lands to the west in Kentucky. Jesse married and raised a family, and remained in North Carolina for most of his life. But he clung to the deep religious principles of his uncle Daniel, and it was a disagreement over religion that caused him to leave the Yadkin Valley and move to McMinn County in 1824, where he became a founding member of the Baptist Church in Zion Hill. But the years soon caught up with him, and Jesse died at 80 years old in 1829, and was buried by the creek on his farm.

Although he only lived in McMinn County for 5 years, Jesse was well-known in the county, mostly because of his last name: Boone. Yes, Jesse's uncle who raised him and instilled in him his deep religious principals was the legendary hunter, scout and explorer, Daniel Boone.

MOVIE NIGHT

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TODAY IN HISTORY - JULY 21st

1861 - The first major battle of the Civil War took place at Bull Run Creek in Manassas, Virginia.

1873 - The James-Younger gang, led by notorious outlaw Jesse James, robbed the Rock Island Express train at Adair, Iowa. They escaped with \$3,000. It was the first train robbery in the western U.S.

1899 - Novelist Ernest Hemingway was born. His best-selling books included "The Old Man and the Sea," "A Farewell to Arms," and "For Whom the Bell Tolls."

1922 - Singer Kay Starr was born. Her hit records included "Wheel Of Fortune," "Rock And Roll Waltz," and "My Heart Reminds Me."

1925 - The Scopes "monkey trial" ended in Dayton, Tenn., with John T. Scopes convicted of violating state law for teaching Darwin's theory of evolution. (The conviction was later overturned.)

1969 - Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin blasted off from the moon aboard the lunar module.