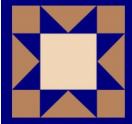


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4-Vehicle Crash Blocks I-75 NB

Northbound traffic on I-75 in McMinn County was blocked for hours on Wednesday as a result of a traffic accident involving four vehicles, including two tractor trailer rigs and a minivan, near mile marker 45. The driver of the minivan, William Al Jackson, Sr., age 73, of Knoxville, was killed in the wreck. State Trooper Travis Ryans says northbound traffic was diverted off the interstate at the Riceville exit, exit 42. As a result, there was bumper-to-bumper traffic on U.S. 11 from Riceville to Athens. The crash happened around 9:15 a.m. The interstate was not re-opened until after 4 p.m.
(Photo by Travis Ryans, THP)



Community News You Can Use

- ✓ Due to rising COVID numbers, E.G. Fisher Public Library is suspending the Saturday morning collection of used books, DVDs and CDs as of this week. They appreciate the donations so far and will revisit receiving donations again after Labor Day.
- ✓ The Meigs County Fair continues with a horseshoe tournament at 6 p.m. today, a Health Fair at 6, and the Fairest of the Fair contest. Tyson Leamon entertains at 7. The fair concludes on Saturday. Admission is free.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Wednesday 8-04

Tennessee: 906,893 cases up 3,798. 12,783 deaths up 9.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	6,965 up 39	231	106
Meigs	1,479 up 3	41	24
Monroe	6,178 up 32	140	98
Polk	2,187 up 9	55	24
Bradley	15,831 up 64	381	157
Rhea	4,534 up 13	108	83

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Obituaries

♦ **Ricky Alvin Taylor**, age 60, of Athens, died Tuesday at his residence. He worked in the produce department at the former Watson's Grocery Store in Cleveland. Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at Green Hill Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

♦ **Melissa "Lisa" Berry**, age 70, of Athens, died Sunday at Life Care Center of Athens. A graveside service was held Wednesday at Hammonds Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home was in charge.

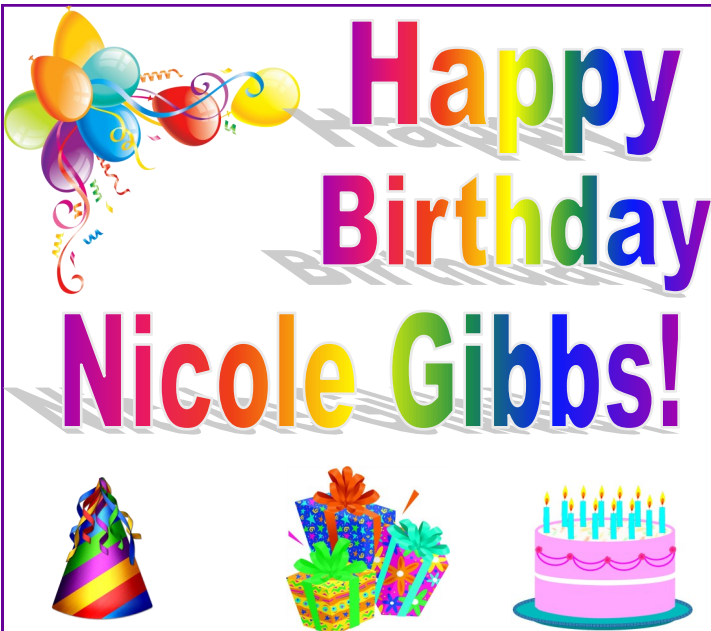
WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Stocks largely fell amid rising concern of an economic slowdown caused by the COVID delta variant. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 323.73 to 34,792.67. The S&P 500 was down 20.49 to 4,402.66, and the NASDAQ was up 19.24 to 14,780.53.

5 STARS FOR STARR REGIONAL HEALTH & REHAB

Starr Regional Health & Rehabilitation in Etowah has been awarded five stars in the Nursing Home Five Star Quality Rating System published on the Nursing Home Compare website. Nursing homes with five stars are considered to have exceeded average quality on a consistent basis. Starr's five-star rating places the facility in the top 22 percent of all nursing homes in the state. Only 68 of the 312 nursing homes in Tennessee rated received five stars.

The Case of the Missing Cameras

There will be a called meeting of the Athens City Council for 5 p.m. next Tuesday, Aug. 10th. One item likely to be discussed is the case of two missing "Nest" cameras which mysteriously disappeared from the police department and then mysteriously reappeared. One of the cameras was kept locked up in the "Sergeant's Closet." The other had been installed in the police lobby. Detective Blake Witt says City Manager Seth Sumner had asked for the cameras and they were turned over to him. Some time later, Police Chief Cliff Couch asked Sumner for the cameras, and Sumner said Detective Witt was wrong and that he did not "take possession of the cameras." Chief Couch then bought a Trail camera with his own money and installed it in the Sergeant's Closet. When he checked the camera later, it had recorded a member of the police department apparently turning it off, and then turning it back on 60 minutes later. Couch says it is very likely that the officer deactivated the trail camera, put the Nest cam back in the closet, and then reactivated the trail cam. The police officer denied that, saying he had entered the closet looking for an evidence canister. Chief Couch says he did not believe the officer's story and he should have been disciplined or terminated for tampering with the trail cam. However, Couch says only Sumner has the authority to make those decisions. Meantime, Detective Witt discovered the other Nest camera in his computer bag. Chief Couch informed DA Steve Crump about what had taken place, but did not ask for an investigation at this point.



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