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Motorcycle Wreck at MCHS

Traffic was backed up yesterday afternoon when a motorcyclist was involved in a wreck in front of McMinn County High School right after the time that school ended. A passerby reported that the driver of the motorcycle was injured and "slumped over the bike" prior to the arrival of EMS personnel. (Staff Photo)



FOOTBALL: The McMinn County Cherokees will celebrate homecoming by hosting Loudon. McMinn Central travels to Rockwood. Meigs County has the night off and Walker Valley plays at Upperman. The University of Tennessee will play at Alabama Saturday. Kickoff is 7 p.m. on the SEC Network.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Friday 10-22

Tennessee: 1,270,876 cases up 1,587. 16,104 deaths up 52.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	10,460 up 17	186 down 12	130 up 2
Meigs	2,163	34 down 1	28
Monroe	9,653 up 23	125 up 4	122
Polk	3,171 up 2	41 down 8	29
Bradley	22,008 up 33	274 up 3	191 up 1
Rhea	6,935 up 7	97 down 6	92

Athens Man Killed by Train

An Athens man, Joseph Carl Lowe, 34, was killed in Athens Wednesday afternoon when he was hit by a train while walking on the tracks near Starr Regional Medical Center. Athens Fire, Athens Police, and AMR responded. The accident happened on the railroad tracks near the intersection of W. Madison Avenue and Cook Drive. The Norfolk-Southern Train was halted for over an hour, blocking several railroad crossings.

OTHER TRAIN AND AIRCRAFT ACCIDENTS

- A mail carrier is in critical condition after his mail truck was hit by a train Wednesday afternoon in Knox County. The collision occurred at a railroad crossing on Zola Lane. The mail truck was pushed about a half-mile down the tracks by the train before coming to a stop.
- A helicopter made an emergency landing in a field in Pigeon Forge Wednesday afternoon. Pigeon Forge police say the pilot made the landing because the helicopter was losing power. No injuries were reported. There were only two people on board, the pilot and a passenger. Police say the 'copter did not have any discernible damage. The Federal Aviation Administration was contacted and the helicopter was removed from the field.
- There was a fire and chemical spill at Hiwassee Machine and Fabrication in Dayton Wednesday evening. No one was injured. Rhea County and Dayton fire departments responded along with a HAZMAT crew from Hamilton County.

RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



NEW: Hand Breaded Chicken Sandwich \$3.99

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Due to Staffing Shortages, the
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Obituaries

♦ **Edwin Lee Hennessee**, age 67, of Riceville, died Wednesday, Oct. 20th, at his residence. He served as a dental assistant in the U.S. Navy, worked in maintenance for Holiday Inn in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and also as a courier delivering explosives to military bases. Graveside services will be Sunday at 3 p.m. at Short Creek Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **MSGT Kenneth E. Thomas**, age 89, of Athens, died Wednesday at Madisonville Healthcare and Rehab. He was a native of Englewood and a lifelong resident of McMinn County. He was retired from the U.S. Air Force after 26 years of service. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 11 to 1 p.m. prior to the service.

♦ **Ida Faye Smith Jones**, of Sweetwater, died Thursday at Spring City Care and Rehab. No formal services will be held. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge.

♦ **Rosalind Eugenia Harper Hall**, age 75, of Etowah, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center in Etowah. She retired after 20 years of nursing in hospice care. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge.

♦ **Timothy Joe Lenker**, age 67, of Etowah, died Tuesday, Oct. 19th. He retired from the maintenance department at Johns Manville. He also served in the Army for six years. Funeral services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will follow the Saturday service in New Bethel Cemetery.

Church News & Events

- First Baptist Church of Niota, Mount Harmony, East Niota Baptist, and Niota Methodist Church will have a free Trunk or Treat this Sunday, Oct. 24th, from 5 to 7 p.m. on Main St., Niota.

- Athens First Baptist Church will have their annual Fall Festival on Sunday, October 31st, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. There will be fun for the whole family, including hotdogs, popcorn, drinks, cotton candy, carnival games, bounce houses, Bible heroes, and candy.

- The Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot is back for 2021. The Turkey Trot is sponsored by Keith Memorial United Methodist Church starting at 8 a.m. Register online at keithumc.org.

- Cedar Springs United Methodist Church will be having its fall bake sale on November 20th. It will be phone-in orders only. Call 744-4360 to place your order between now and October 31st. Come by the church at 1326 Cedar Springs Road between 8 and noon on November 20th to pick up your order.

- If you or someone you know is battling addiction, struggling with anger, or other life issues, Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

- Let's Read 20 will provide free books to churches or organizations planning a fall festival or trunk & treat. Call 745-1796.

- Athens Lutheran Church, 710 Forrest Ave., will have its Annual Rummage Sale Oct. 29th & 30th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- West End Baptist Church in Athens will have a Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 31st, from 6 to 8 p.m. All ages are welcome.

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