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WEATHER FORECAST

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy and cooler. High 56
Tue Night: Rain, possibly heavy with flooding. Low 45
Wednesday: Rain & drizzle early, then cloudy. High 57
Thursday: Cloudy and warmer with a high of 65
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Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Athens, Tennessee

Ten Mile Man Dies in Boating Incident

Gershwin Jackson, age 42, of Ten Mile, died Sunday near Sand Island on Watts Bar Lake. Jackson, along with two other men, had been camping and left their campground in a canoe. Winds were at 15 to 20 miles per hour and reports from the scene indicated that waves were white capping at the time. The water temperature was believed to be about 54 degrees. The canoe overturned and the three men, who were all wearing life jackets, attempted to swim to shore. A Tennessee Wildlife Resources Officer and several bystanders found the three men and pulled them out of the water. Two were suffering from hypothermia and Jackson was unresponsive. He was pronounced dead and was taken to the Rhea County Medical Examiner's Office. The other two men, who have not been identified, were treated at the scene. The agencies that participated in the rescue were Meigs County Fire and Rescue, Meigs County Emergency Medical Services, Meigs County Sheriff's Office and the Rhea County Emergency Medical Services. The TWRA says that this was the fifth boating fatality so far in 2022. (Sand Island in Upper Left - Google Maps Photo)



Detective Receives Recognition

Jared Price has been named the McMinn County Sheriff's Department "Detective of the Year" for 2021. Jared began his law enforcement career as a corrections officer after graduating from high school in 2006. He worked through the ranks and became the MCSO first certified K9 officer in 2011, Narcotics Detective in 2014, then became a Detective in 2018. He has also been the SWAT team leader since 2015. Price was presented a special plaque by Sheriff Joe Guy last week. In the photo: (L-R) Sheriff Guy, Detective Price and Chief Deputy Matt Blair. (FB Photo)



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Obituaries

- ♦ **Theresa Rozich Sloan**, age 89, of Athens, passed away Monday at Dominion Senior Living Center of Athens. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Corine Burton**, age 83, of Athens, passed away Monday at her residence. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Betty Jane Chambers Saylor**, age 80, of Decatur, and formerly of Martinsburg, West Virginia, passed away on Sunday. A graveside service will be held on Thursday, March 10th, at 2 p.m. in the Shiloh Cemetery. Decatur Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.
- ♦ **Frances Jones Thomas**, age 98, of Athens, and a native of Meigs County, passed away on Monday. She retired from Dany Industries of Athens. A Funeral service will be held on Saturday at 12 noon in the Chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services with Interment to follow in the Decatur Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 12 noon, prior to the service at the funeral home.
- ♦ **James D. "Chuck" Skipper Jr.**, age 56, of Athens, passed away on October 1, 2021 as a result of a fatal car accident. He had worked for Eddie Miller Construction of Loudon and at Johns Manville in Etowah. He also owned and operated Skipper Tree Service for over 30 years. A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, March 12th at 2 p.m. at the Miracle Deliverance Tabernacle on County Road 677 near Riceville. Companion Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

More Info on License Plates

Melinda King, the McMinn County Clerk, responded to our article published in Monday's Morning Fax about the new 2022 Tennessee License Plate. Here are her comments:

When we first started giving out the new tags in January, we were given a small number of the "In God We Trust" plates. The state gave us a number based on what had been sold and/or renewed the previous year. Because of that, we weren't able to offer them to everyone for a couple of weeks, and until we started a steady supply, we were running out. (I think one clerk did charge the \$6 to a customer early on because she didn't know we weren't charging to replace the plain tag).

Here's the current situation since around the end of January and first of February:

Everyone that comes in that is renewing a class 1000/1001 or is registering a vehicle for the first time is asked if they want the plain or the "In God We Trust" tag.

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1917 - This date marked the start of the Russian Bolshevik Revolution, as the Russian people rebelled against Czar Nicholas II and his government. The revolution caused the downfall of the Russian Empire and led to the creation of the communist Soviet Union.

1947 - Songwriter Carole Bayer Sager was born. She wrote such songs as "Don't Cry Out Loud," "Arthur's Theme," "Heartlight," "That's What Friends Are For," and "When I Need You."

1965 - Nearly 4,000 U.S. Marines landed in Vietnam.
1971 - Joe Frazier defeated Muhammad Ali by decision at Madison Square Garden in New York in the first of three bouts between the heavyweights.

1999 - Baseball Hall of Famer Joe DiMaggio died at 84.
2008 - President George W. Bush vetoed a bill that would have banned the CIA from using water-boarding and other coercive interrogation methods on suspected terrorists. Bush stated that the bill Congress sent him would take away one of the most valuable tools in the war on terror. Bush said, "So today I vetoed it."