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Monday, January 23, 2023 Athens, Tennessee

Grand Jury Indictment



A McMinn County man faces a felony charge following a TBI investigation into a 2021 drug-related death. Authorities began investigating the incident in late April 2021, shortly after law enforcement officers in McMinn County found 20-year-old Jacob Aaron Crisp unresponsive from a suspected drug overdose. Despite medical treatment, Crisp died three days later, from what an autopsy revealed to be a methamphetamine-related overdose. During the investigation, agents determined Koby

Alexander Wyatt, age 22, facilitated Crisp's drug usage and transported him to obtain the substances that caused his death. Last Tuesday, the McMinn County Grand Jury returned an indictment, charging Wyatt with one count of Facilitation of 2nd Degree Murder. Agents arrested Wyatt last Wednesday and booked him into the McMinn County Jail, where he was being held on \$150,000 bond.

LISTENING REMINDER: This week's guest on Main Street Moments will be Charlene Such with McMinn Living Heritage Museum. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5.

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ Another downtown improvements meeting will be Tuesday, January 24th at 5:30 p.m. at 3 West College Street (the event space at the white street market). Topics of discussion will be the strategic plan for the downtown improvements as it pertains to traffic flow, sidewalks, parking, greenspace, and parklets. Downtown stakeholders are asked to come together once again to review and discuss potential projects for improvement and their respective priorities for implementation. There will be an in depth review of the potential projects that were identified in the Community Mobility Plan which also included some needs identified in the 2020 Experience Master Plan. There will also be a short update on the Athens bike and pedestrian plan as well. If you would like to be included in this meeting, but cannot attend in person, please use this link to join the meeting virtually: stantec.zoom.us/
- ✓ There will be a retirement reception honoring Tracy Lee for 40 years in Education, Thursday, January 26th from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Westside School Library in Athens.
- ✓ The McMinn County Commission's Public Safety Committee will meet today, January 23rd at 5:30 p.m at the McMinn County Blue Room of the courthouse. The purpose of the meeting is to consider Opt Out provision of State Residential Building Codes as provided by TCA § 68-120-101.
- ✓ The Cherokee Beekeepers Association will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 24th at 7 p.m. at the AgCentral Farmers Co-Op located at 920 Congress Pkwy. N., Athens. You do not need to be a member to attend.



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Monday - Possible flurries; otherwise, sunny. High 43.
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Obituaries

◆ **Charlotte Elizabeth Morrow Miller**, age 91, of Athens, passed away Saturday, January 21st. She was a native and lifelong resident of McMinn County. A funeral service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 24th at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. prior to the service. Interment will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 25th at Oak Grove Cemetery, located at 1212 County Road 100, Athens. Family and friends will gather at Ziegler Funeral Home at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday to proceed to the cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Charlotte Elizabeth Morrow Miller.

◆ **Hazel Dixon Keasler**, age 88, of Etowah, passed away Friday at Starr Regional of Etowah. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

◆ **George Edward Rich Jr.**, otherwise known as Coach Rich, 77, of Etowah, passed away Wednesday, January 18th. He was a long-time educator and coach in Cocke County and McMinn Central. He was a well-known principal at Mountain View Elementary School. In his free time, he loved to take care of his yard and do any type of landscaping. He was an outstanding athlete at Carson Newman University, playing football and baseball. While at Carson-Newman, he was on the National Championship Baseball Team. He was an avid U.T. fan and loved to cheer on all sports. He was a great role-model and mentor to several people. A funeral service will be at 7 p.m., Monday, January 23rd at North Etowah Baptist Church with visitation from 3 to 7 p.m., Monday, prior to the service at the church. Family and friends will assemble at Green Hill Cemetery, Tuesday, January 24th for the 11 a.m. committal service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Drug House on Notice

From Sheriff Joe Guy: Over the past few years, the McMinn Co Sheriff's Office has responded to numerous calls at this residence pictured on CR 255 involving issues such as disturbances, multiple arrests warrants, stolen property, an overdose death, and drug trafficking. Several arrests have been made in the past. Last Thursday, 4 persons were arrested as part of a narcotics search warrant at this residence. The Sheriff's Office is continuing to monitor this location for criminal activity. Persons who formerly went to this location to purchase narcotics should take warning.



FRIDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Equities closed higher on Friday. Technology sector gains drove the Nasdaq up by 2.7%. The 10-year Treasury yields finished lower for the week. Gold and oil prices were higher. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Average was up 330.93 to 33,375.49. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 73.76 to 3,972.61, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 288.17 to 11,140.43. The price of WTI crude oil closed at \$81.40 per barrel.

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