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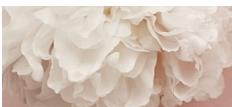
Fatal Motorcycle Crash

◆ A 39-year-old man from Etowah died in a motorcycle crash in McMinn County early Wednesday morning, according to a report from the Tennessee Highway Patrol. The THP identified the victim as Joshua Lowe. It happened just after 1:00 a.m. at the intersection of US Highway 411 South and McMinn County Road 859. According to Etowah Rescue Squad & Rural Fire Department, responders arrived on the scene and found the motorcycle torn in half from the impact of the crash, and law enforcement searched the area to find the victim. Lowe was found in an overgrown field where he apparently died from his injuries. (FB photo)



Community News

- ✓ The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following street closures: The areas to be affected are JACKSON STREET from Green Street to Washington Avenue and MADISON AVENUE from White Street to Green Street. These closures will be on Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 4 pm until 9 pm. The purpose of this closing is for the Athens Travelers Car Club Cruise-In event. For more information, please contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.
- ✓ The governing body of McMinn County will convene and meet in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse in Athens in Regular Session on May 15th at 7:30 pm, for the purpose of: 1) Approval of Budget Amendments; 2) Comments from the Audience; 3) Resolutions; 4) Reports from Committees, County Officials, Comments from Commissioners; 5) Comments from the County Mayor; 6) Approval of Notary Applications; 7) And will transact such other business as may legally come before the Commissioners.
- ✓ *Meadowfork* will be singing at Cooke Ministry Center at 7 pm tonight, May 12th.
- ✓ The fish fry scheduled for TODAY May 12th at the VFW is cancelled.
- ✓ Congratulations to the RISE (Recognizing Inspiring School Employees) Award Year Winners for each school site during the 2022-2023 School Year are: Athens City Middle School: Fonda Hughes; City Park School: Jason Carusillo; Central Office/Systemwide: Ramona Wright; Ingleside School: Sharon Queen; North City School: Sharon Wilson; Westside School: Lori Parente
- ✓ Free Fishing Derby for kids 12 and under is tomorrow, May 13th at Athens Regional Park from 8 to 11:30 am. Registration begins at 7 am.



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Obituaries

- ♦ **James Stephen Gann**, age 72, of Athens, passed away Thursday, May 11th at Life Care Center of Athens. A graveside service will be at a later date at Cedar Grove Cemetery to be announced. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Randy Preston**, age 59, of Englewood passed away Tuesday, May 9th. He was an avid bass fisherman. He retired from Bowater in 2022. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Charles "Pete" Sawyer**, age 76, of Etowah passed away Wednesday, May 10th. He was a McMinn County resident for over 50 years. In his free time, he enjoyed taking walks around Etowah with his cowboy hat and walking stick. Visitation will be from 5 - 7 pm, Monday, May 15th at Bordwine Funeral Home. Family and friends will assemble at McMinn Memory Gardens Tuesday, May 16th for the 11 am graveside service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Sandra Davis**, age 79, of Etowah, passed away Tuesday, May 9th. No formal services will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **James P. "Pat" Norton**, age 75, passed away on Tuesday, May 9th at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. He was a native of Franklin, North Carolina, lived many years in Pueblo Colorado, and was a long-time resident of McMinn County. He retired as General Manager of Western Sizzlin after 30 years and served in the United States Army. Visitation will be from 2 - 4 pm on Saturday, May 13th at Ziegler Funeral Home. A memorial service will follow at 4 pm. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of James P. "Pat" Norton.
- ♦ **Diamond Cassandra Ray Stroud**, age 28, of Athens, passed away Thursday, May 11th at Starr Regional Medical Center. She was born in Madisonville and was a lifelong resident of McMinn County. She was a graduate of McMinn County High School. A funeral service will be at 6 pm, Monday, May 15th at Smith Funeral Home. The committal service will be at 11 am, Tuesday May 16th at Sullins Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 4 - 6 pm Monday at the funeral home prior to the service. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

Church News and Events

- Ivan Parker will be at Solid Rock Baptist Church May 20th at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome.
- Voice of Deliverance Ministry C.O.G.I.C. will be having a prayer revival on May 12-14, 2023. On Friday and Saturday night, prayer will begin at 7pm. They will close out on Sunday morning beginning at 9:30am. All are welcome to attend. The church is located at 520 Old Riceville Road, Athens TN 37303.
- Planted in Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 pm.
- If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, Mars Hill Presbyterian Church of Athens now offers a GriefShare program each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. For more information call 423-829-5052.
- Celebrate Recovery meets at the following churches: The Englewood Church of God every Sunday at 6 p.m. and Woodward Avenue Church of God every Tuesday at 6 p.m.

♦ **THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** Markets closed lower. The PPI index showed a mere 0.2% monthly gain, The Bank of England hiked rates by 0.25% as Europe tries to contain high inflation. European and Asian shares were lower. Oil held steady around \$71/barrel . At the closing bell the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 221.82 to 33,309.51. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 7.02 to 4,130.62, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 22.07 to 12,328.51.

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