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Monday, November 27, 2023

TBI Investigation

From News Channel 9: The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) is investigating the death of a McMinn County man a deputy used a stun gun on during an altercation. On the Morning of October 5th, deputies were serving an order of protection to 43-year-old Christopher Kent Graham. According to a release "there was an altercation" between Graham and the deputies, and one of them used a stun gun (taser) on him. Graham became unresponsive, and EMS transported him to a local hospital, where he was pronounced deceased. The TBI says the incident happened on the morning of October 5th at a home on County Road 360 in Niota.

LISTENING REMINDER: This week's guest on Main Street Moments will be Rodney Walker, a representative of the McMinn County Rescue Squad, discussing the Christmas Toy & Food Drive. 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

✓ The Good Faith Clinic will be open November 28^{th} at 3 p.m. for refills and at 3:30 p.m. for doctor visits. The Good Faith Clinic is free primary health care for residents of McMinn and Meigs counties from ages of 18-64, who do not have any form of medical insurance, including TennCare. The clinic meets on the campus of Christ Community Church at 18 S Congress Parkway in Athens. **REMINDER:** The Good Faith Clinic is open the 2^{nd} , 4^{th} , and 5^{th} , Tuesday of each month.

✓ The regularly scheduled meeting of the McMinn County Library Board on November 27^{th} at 6:00pm is being postponed to December 12^{th} at 6:00pm to allow additional time for the E.G. Fisher Library Director search to be completed. The Board will meet at E.G. Fisher Public Library.

✓ The McMinn County Historical Society and Archives will meet in the blueroom of the McMinn County Courthouse Sunday, December 3^{rd} at 2 p.m. Carolyn Richie will be presenting "Last Stand At Fork Creek."

FOOTBALL SCORES: Walker Valley lost to West!

3-38. Bradley Central lost to Oakland 17-38. Tennes-I see defeated Vanderbilt 48-24. **Engagement Rings.** SLIGER'S Anniversary Bands. Pearls & White Gold Jewelry. JEWELERS Seiko, Bulova, Gemstone Rings. Diamond, Gold Caravelle Watches & Serving Athens Since 1946 Clocks, Money Clips. & Gemstone Earrings 116 East Washington Avenue · Downtown Athens • 423-745-4774 Store Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9:30-5:30, Saturday 9:30-2, Closed Sunday & Monday Monday-Sweetwater-Little Drugs-10:30 - 1:30
Tuesday-Madisonville-WilSav-10:30 - 1:30
Wednesday-Etowah***ACROSS FROM WINDOWS VINYL SIDING JOHNSONS DEPARTMENT STORE-10:30 - 2:00 DOORS ROOFING Thursday-Athens - Harbor Freight - 10:30 - 1:30
Friday-Sweetwater-Little Drugs-10:30 - 2:30
Saturday-Decatur Christmas Festival - 1-6 **2 DUDES BBQ** & CATERING **xterior** 423-829-4126 Tennessee Wesleyan University BUFFY MICAH 423-435-8714 423-506-1249 LIGHTING 723 Congress Parkway S.Next to B J's Snack Bar. Monday, November 27 at 6 p.m on the Campus Quad WE HAVE 19 COLORS TO CHOOSE FROM. MOST ORDERS **NEED NEW FLOORING?** Athens RV Come see us for the cheapest rates on 100% READY WITHIN 24 HRS. WE OFFER PICK UP AND DELIVERY Luxury Vinyl Plank Flooring starts @ \$1.50 for installation. We have 16 ft. wide Vinyl, Your One Stop Shop For All Carpet, Roll Vinyl & More! Can't buy **Boat Storage** flooring for less, unless it's a lot less Your Metal Roofing Needs! flooring! We are cheaper on everything & will match & beat anyone's prices! **Covered** - Open We are worth the cdrive & easy to find! (Across from McMinn County High School) Come See Us and Check Our Prices Before B 423.462.4232 ENT FLOORING 2112 Railroad Avenue Athens, TN 37303 lant To Earn f facebook L AthensRVStorage.com

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Ribbon Cutting

A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Wallaby Windows, located in Athens and the surrounding area. Chamber friends joining the celebration and pictured here left to right are: Karen Sullivan, Athens Chamber; Stephanie Devine; Taylor White, Wallaby Windows; Doug Jackson, Wallaby Windows; Sandra Jackson; Sierra Seymour; Amy McDonald, Chamber Diplomat. Back: Clarissa Holmes; Luke Shepherd; Walt Bowman; Summer Jones; Andrew Sevrimsky; Athens City Councilman Dick Pelley; Hunter Starr, Chamber Diplomat; Rob Preston, Chamber President/CEO; Hugh Willson; David Cantrell; Brie Berry; Kashad Moore.



MVA Hwy 307 and County Road 364

Tuesday evening at 7:30 on Hwy 307 & Co Rd 364, Niota, a 2007 Pontiac GGT and 2005 Jeep Grand Cherokee (Photos below) collided leaving the driver of the Jeep injured and being transported to Starr Regional Hospital Athens by AMR. Niota Rural Fire, Athens Rural Fire, Englewood Rural Fire, and McMinn County Sheriff's Department all responded along with THP Officer Eric Diaz who investigated the accident. Niota Rural Assistant Fire Chief Travis Newberry was in command of the scene.

Photos by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department







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Obituaries

• Edward J Allred, age 64, passed away on November 12 at home in Englewood after a brief battle with brain cancer. In his spare time he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and riding motorcycles. He was a member of Englewood First Baptist Church. A memorial service will be held on December 16 at 2 PM at Englewood First Baptist Church, 13 Church St Englewood. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

• **C. Jerome Bryan**, age 76, of Etowah, passed away Thursday, November 23. The committal service was held on Sunday, November 26th in Goodsprings Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah was in charge of arrangements.

• William (Bill) Richard Bleiler, passed away suddenly at his home on November 23. He was born in Connecticut and raised in St Petersburg, Florida. He started his electrical apprenticeship under the wing of his mentor Bill Urtz in the late 1960's with L. E. Myers and was a proud union member of the I. B. E. W for almost 6 decades. He was a strong, hardworking lineman and gained the nickname Magilla Gorilla during his career in Sarasota Florida. He moved his family to the Decatur, Tennessee area in the mid 70's to work at the building of Watts Bar Nuclear. He retired from a successful career with TVA in 2003. At his request there will not be a formal service or burial. The family will have a celebration of life party for Bill on Sunday December 3 at 3:00 p.m. at Amvets post #90 in Decatur located at 16334 Highway 58 in Decatur. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

Obituaries Continued

• Juanita Faye Cranfield passed away on November 21. She was a graduate of Lenoir City High School and loved her years working at Athens Regional Medical Center where she retired. The family invites those that loved Juanita to join them on Wednesday, November 29 at Companion Funeral Home of Athens with visitation from 12pm to 2pm with a service to follow. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

Arrest Report

From the McMinn County Justice Center

Annette Van, 47, Niota, charged by MCSO with aggravated child abuse-neglect. No bond.

Stephen Smith, 19, Sweetwater, charged by MCSO with felony evading arrest. No bond.

Erik Hicks, 34, Niota, charged by APD with violation of probation-driving on suspended license (2nd offense), schedule II fentanyl for re-sale, drug paraphernalia, possession / carrying of weapon during commission of dangerous felony. \$636 bond.

The accused are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered from public sources.

