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Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

Local & Area News

◆ BOND REVOKED FOR WIELZEN

The McMinn County man accused of raping and murdering 18 year-old Kelsey Burnette in Etowah two years ago has had his bond revoked. Ms. Burnette's body was found on July 4th, 2017. She had disappeared while walking early the morning of July 1st. Joseph Wielzen was arrested a year later on charges of rape and murder, but bonded out of jail last September. This past month he was arrested on a charge of vandalism for allegedly "egging" several cars. At a court hearing Monday afternoon, his bond was revoked. His case will go to a grand jury in July. In testimony on Monday, the defense raised questions of missing evidence in the murder case. The defense said the TBI was not able to put their hands on everything gathered from the crime scene in Etowah. The TBI investigator involved in the case has since resigned for personal reasons.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS

- ✓ The next Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce "Good Morning, Etowah," event will be held this Friday, June 7th, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the 911 Center, 1105 S. Congress Parkway, in Athens.
- ✓ The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be Jack Bryan, director of Miracle Lake. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5 or [ONLINE](#)

Driver Hurt When Car Hits Tree

The driver of a 2003 Honda Accord was airlifted to UT Hospital after his car ran off County Road 606 Monday afternoon and struck a tree. The Etowah City, Etowah Rural, and Englewood Rural fire departments along with AMR responded. Etowah Rural Fire Chief Jeremy Harrison was in charge of the scene. State Trooper Travis Ryans investigated the accident.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department)



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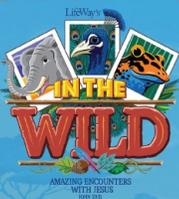
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Obituaries

- ♦ **Glenn Edward Lawson**, age 90, of Athens, died May 17th in Lakeland, Georgia. He was Advertising Manager at The Daily Post-Athenian for 20 years before going to work for Goody's as VP of Marketing. Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at McMinn Memory Gardens. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Helen Clara Ball Thompson**, age 83, of Athens, died on May 30th at U.T. Medical Center. Funeral services were held this past Sunday at East Athens Baptist Church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.
- ♦ **Wayne Allen Mitzel**, age 67, of Decatur, died Saturday at Sweetwater Hospital. He was a plumber and carpenter. Services will be 4 p.m. Friday at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from 1 to 4 p.m.
- ♦ **Wayne B. Collins**, age 90, of Etowah, died Monday. He was a retired truck driver. Funeral services will be 7 p.m. Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Jerry Wayne Morgan**, age 73, of Athens, died Tuesday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Jerry Clay Seals**, age 64, of Riceville, died Monday at his home. He retired from the Coca Cola Bottling Plant. Services will be 7 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Norman Olander Edmonds**, age 73, died recently. He retired from Marriot Hotels in Texas. Funeral services will be Saturday at 12 noon at M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens, with visitation from 11 a.m. to 12 noon prior to the service.
- ♦ **Lynn Williams**, age 87, of Etowah, died Tuesday at his home. He served in the Army and retired from CSX Railroad. A private family service will be held later. Serenity of Etowah is in charge.

Cruisin' Down the Creek

The family that swims together stays together. These Canada geese have figured out how to stay cool when the weather is hot. They just take to the water. Jennifer Hardison sent us this photo she took at a creek on the property of a friend.




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