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Local & Area News

◆ NAME OF WRECK VICTIM RELEASED

An Etowah man has died from injuries received in a traffic crash last Thursday evening on US 411 at County Road 516 near Englewood. State Trooper Dakota Bromley's report says a 2016 Jeep Renegade driven by a juvenile stopped at a stop sign and then continued to go across Highway 411. He was t-boned by a southbound Mazda pickup truck. The driver, 66-year-old Melvin Baker, was transported to the hospital where he later died of his injuries. The driver of the Jeep was not injured. Charges against him are pending.

◆ SEPTEMBER UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS

Unemployment rates dropped in 90 of the state's 95 counties in September. Williamson and Sevier counties had the lowest unemployment rates at 2.3%.

- ◆ McMinn County's unemployment rate in September was 3.5%, down from 3.8% in August
- ◆ Meigs County's jobless rate in September was 3.8%, down from 4.3% in August
- ◆ Monroe County reported a jobless rate in September of 3.2%, down from 3.6% in August
- ◆ Polk County's unemployment rate in September was 3.8%, down from 4.3% in August
- ◆ Bradley County's jobless rate in September was 3.4%, down from 3.7% in August

More History from Joe Guy

The McMinn County Jail was riddled with gun fire the hot night of election day, August 1, 1946, as GI's fresh from the battlefields of World War II had clashed with the local political machine over every elected office in McMinn County.

After a summer of hearted political rallies, the battle at the jail began soon after a black citizen was shot at an Athens polling place. Sheriff Pat Mansfield ordered all ballots taken to the county jail for counting, a move which angered the opposing GI party members.

The shooting started as darkness fell, becoming a stand off through most of the night. When dynamite was thrown into the jail yard in the early hours of August 2nd, the sheriff's deputies surrendered the ballots, which when they were counted, sealed the victory of the GI Party.

Within a year, a new form of local government was born in McMinn County consisting of a county council and county manager, which is today the county commission-mayor system in place throughout the state and much of the nation.

Ever a resilient people, McMinn County healed itself to become a shining example of county government in Tennessee.

(Moments of McMinn County have been written by McMinn County Historian Joe Guy)

28th Annual
Mother
Son
Dance
November 2, 2019 | 7:30 pm
McMinn County High

We encourage you to e-mail
community events, church
news, or other items of interest
for possible use in the Morning
Fax. If you take a newsworthy
photograph, send it to:
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RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT

Tuesday: Fried Chicken, Country Fried Steak, Baked Spaghetti, Turnip Greens, Pintos, Corn, Baked Beans. DAILY: M. Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed, Cucumber or Pasta Salads, Fruit, Cole Slaw, Cottage Cheese, Applesauce, Beets.
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Obituaries

- ♦ **Harold "Lynn" Green, Sr.**, age 47, of Athens, died Sunday at his home. He was a detailer for local used car dealerships. Funeral services will be at 12 noon Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 10 a.m. to noon on Thursday.
- ♦ **Jo Ann Mchone Anderson**, age 80, of Ooltewah, died Saturday at her residence. She was retired from DuPont with over 30 years of service. Funeral services will be 7 p.m. Tuesday at Bowers Funeral Home in Decatur, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Johnny Allen Crabtree**, age 49, of Riceville, died Sunday. A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Athens Recycle Center will be closed today for facility maintenance. It will reopen on Wednesday.
- ✓ Lakeview Baptist Church will have a trunk or treat on Thursday, October 31st, at 6 p.m. The church is located by Dynasty Spa. In the event of rain, the event will be held in the fellowship hall.
- ✓ **Daylight Saving Time** is right around the corner. Tennesseans will have to "fall back" and turn our clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. this coming Sunday, November 3rd. A Daylight Saving Time law passed in Tennessee earlier this year to have the state remain on DST all year. However, that law has to be passed by Congress in order to make it permanent. Meantime, we still have to change our clocks this Sunday.

Massive Copperhead in Hardeman County

A Tennessee outdoorsman, Anthony Landreth, shared a photo of a massive Copperhead snake found in Hardeman County near Bolivar. The snake measured 49.5 inches, just over four feet long. Landreth says he's "never seen a copperhead this massive." He spotted the snake on the road, which met its demise from road kill. He gave the snake to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) who will attempt to mount it for a traveling exhibit. According to the University of Georgia, the longest Copperhead ever recorded was 52 inches long.



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Costume Contest @ 6 PM



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