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Monday, December 30, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

## Local & Area News

### ◆ THREE CAR CRASH CLAIMS GEORGIA MAN

The Tennessee Highway Patrol says a Christmas night wreck killed one man and injured six others, including two children. It all started when a man's truck stalled on Highway 411, about one mile south of the Cajun Lady restaurant in Polk County. The THP says it was a chain reaction crash in the dark, with a car running into the back of the stalled truck, which did not have any of its lights on. Adam Chapa, age 73, of Chatsworth, Georgia, got out of his stalled truck to try and see what was wrong. Two other vehicles slammed into his stalled truck, resulting in Chapa's death.

### ◆ HEAD OF CHATTANOOGA THP RESIGNS

A Tennessee Highway Patrol captain has resigned following an investigation into a relationship he had with a THP dispatcher for several years. Investigators confirmed that Captain Jeffery Mosley met with a dispatcher at a motel several times while he was still on duty, in uniform, and driving a state-issued vehicle. He also admitted swapping nude photos with the dispatcher. Mosley resigned December 5th, the same day he was questioned by the investigators. Captain Mosley was the head of the Chattanooga area division of the Tennessee Highway Patrol. He had over 30 years service with the THP.

## Community News You Can Use

✓ Two exhibits from the Smithsonian continue to be on display at the Living Heritage Museum. "Crossroads: Change in Rural America" will be available until January 25th. Also available is a poster exhibit entitled "World War I, Lessons and Legacies."

✓ Nominations are now being accepted by the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce for McMinn County's 2020 Mother of the Year". Nomination forms and award guidelines may be obtained at the Chamber office located at 13 North Jackson Street in Athens, Monday - Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For information call 745-0334. The nomination deadline is January 13th.

✓ The Good Faith Clinic will be closed today and tomorrow. Next dates are January 14 and January 28. The clinic is for uninsured residents of McMinn and Meigs Counties and meets at Christ Community Church at 18 South Congress Parkway starting at 2:30 p.m.

✓ Reminder: The 74th Annual Athens Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at The Barn at Faith Farms. Tickets are \$30 per person. Call Tonya at the Chamber to reserve tickets. The number is 745-0334.

**LISTENING REMINDER:** The guest this week on the Main Street Athens radio show, "Main Street Moments," is Bob Ketchersid with WYXI RADIO and The Morning Fax. You can hear the program each Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, FM 94.5 and AM 1390 or online at [wysi.com](http://wysi.com)

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**WEATHER FORECAST**

**Monday** - Partly sunny and cooler. High 55.

**Mon. night** - Partly cloudy and much cooler. Low 35.

**Tuesday** - Mostly sunny. High 48. Clear tonight. Low 29.

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### Obituaries

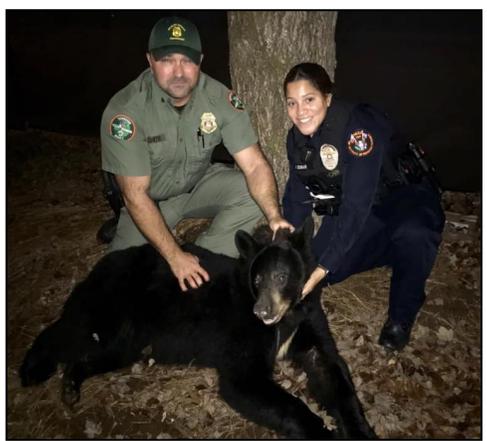
- ♦ **Mary Elizabeth Risher Schumpert**, age 93, of Ten Mile, died Friday at Dominion Assisted Living. A memorial service was held Sunday afternoon at Smith Funeral Home. A private graveside service will be held at a later date.
- ♦ **Conrad L. Brooks**, age 87, of Athens, died December 25th at Parkwest Medical Center. He was a native of Fentress County, but had lived in McMinn County most of his life. He had worked as a CPA with Severance and Sharp and was retired from the Bowerwater accounting department after more than 20 years. He was a veteran serving in the U.S. Army. Funeral services were held Saturday evening at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Scotty Eugene Knox**, age 52, of Athens, died December 24th in a Chattanooga hospital. A graveside service will be held Monday at the Clearwater Baptist Church Cemetery. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **James Chappell**, of Decatur, died December 25th at his home after a long battle with cancer. In honor of his wishes, there will be no formal services at this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **David Wayne Watson**, age 61, of Decatur, died Friday at the Serene Manor Medical Center in Knoxville. He had served as Director of Music at the Clearwater Baptist Church and was a retired carpenter. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Bowers Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

### Obituaries - continued

- ♦ **Franky Lee Eaton**, age 86, of McMinn County, died Friday at his home. A funeral service will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Companion Funeral and Cremation Home of Athens with visitation beginning at 5 p.m.

### Bear Gets Stuck at U.T. Stadium

A 200 pound female black bear was spotted stuck inside the Lindsey Nelson Baseball Stadium on the U.T. Campus at about 4 a.m. Sunday. Officers with the U.T. Police Department and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency tranquilized the bear and removed it. The bear was transported to the Foothills Wildlife Management Area in Blount County and released. Perhaps she was just looking for the peanuts, popcorn, and Cracker Jack? (TWRA Facebook Photo)



**TODAY IN HISTORY - DECEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>**

**1813** - British troops burned Buffalo, New York, during the War of 1812.

**1851** - Asa Candler was born in Georgia. In 1887, he purchased the formula for a soft drink called Coca-Cola and began producing the syrup base for the drink. He made it into the most popular soft drink in the U.S.

**1865** - British author Rudyard Kipling was born. He wrote "The Jungle Book," a favorite among children.

**1922** - Vladimir Lenin proclaimed the establishment of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which lasted nearly seven decades before dissolving in December 1991.

**1931** - Country singer Skeeter Davis was born. Her hit records included "The End of the World," "I Forgot More Than You'll Ever Know," and "My Last Date."

**1937** - Paul Stookey, member of the folk music group "Peter, Paul, and Mary" was born. In 1971, he had a major hit recording as a solo artist, "The Wedding Song."

**1940** - California's first freeway, the Arroyo Seco Parkway connecting Los Angeles and Pasadena, was officially opened by Gov. Culbert L. Olson.

**1972** - President Nixon ordered a halt in the bombing of North Vietnam and announced that peace talks with the Hanoi government would resume within a few days.

**1978** - Ohio State University fired Woody Hayes as its football coach, one day after Hayes punched a Clemson University player during a bowl game.