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Athens, Tennessee

Details Released on Fatal Wreck

The Tennessee Highway Patrol has released the name of the man who was killed in a one-vehicle wreck last Thursday night on Highway 39 East at County Road 435. The victim was Jesse Guinn, 30, of Englewood. He was a passenger in a 1999 Ford XPL SUV driven by Dion Bryant, 32, of Englewood. The THP says Bryant lost control of the vehicle due to mechanical and weather issues. It ran off the roadway, striking a tree and landing on its side. Bryant was ejected, but Guinn was pinned inside. He was extricated, but was pronounced dead at the scene. Bryant was injured and taken by ambulance to a hospital in Knoxville. Neither occupant was wearing seat belts. The THP says charges are pending against the driver.

NOTE: AUB recorded 4.02 inches of rain over the past 4 days!

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Monday 3-29

Tennessee: 806,692 cases, up 1,288. 11,866 deaths, up 14.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	6,178	94	95
Meigs	1,310	25	23
Monroe	5,557	68	95
Polk	1,907	56	24
Bradley	13,972	370	143
Rhea	4,246	30	75

Saluting One More McMinn Woman

Before National Women's History Month ends, we salute one more notable woman from McMinn County. Harriel Blair sent us this article about Amanda Brown. You may not find her name in the history books, but "Miss Mandy" lives forever in the memories of the children who grew up in the J.L. Cook School community. She did not have children of her own, but considered the children of the neighborhood her children. She would open up her house for hot dog socials, which always included cookies and her famous orange Kool-aid. It was a special treat for the neighborhood children to be invited to her hours of taken on an outing by Miss Mandy. She was also a school teacher, teaching in the Lane Town Community. After teaching for a while, she started a career at Oak Ridge and remained there. She was one of the few women from Athens to work there. She also taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School during the summer. She was director of the shape note singing choir at Cox Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church. Amanda Brown died on September 18th, 1987.



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Obituaries

♦ **Gilda Delois Mullinax Barber**, age 87, of Etowah, died last Thursday. She worked at the Hitching Post Restaurant for many years. A memorial/graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday in Cog Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Paul Gary Fulbright**, age 61, of Cleveland, died Saturday. He was a production manager with McKee Foods. A graveside service is planned for Thursday, April 1st, at 2 p.m. in the Lee Cemetery. Companion Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Bryan Christopher Teasley**, 54, of Riceville died Saturday. Visitation will be Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens, with a service celebrating his life at 6 p.m.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Holy Week Service at Market Park Pavilion at noon today will feature Pastor Scott Cardin from Englewood Church of God. Everyone is invited. The service will last about 30 minutes.
- ✓ The Good Faith Clinic will be open today on the campus of Christ Community Church at 18 South Congress Parkway. Drive-through prescription refills are from 3:30 to 4 p.m. and doctor visits are at 4.
- ✓ First Baptist Church of Niota will have an Easter Egg Hunt at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 31st, for all ages. There will also be a Hot Dog Dinner (Carry out only). Everyone is welcome.

Ingleside School Gets STEM Grant

TVA, in partnership with Athens Utilities Board and Bicentennial Volunteers, has awarded Ingleside School a \$5000 STEM Grant. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and math. The award is part of \$800,000 STEM grants awarded to 200 schools across TVA's seven-state service territory. The photo shows: Jennifer Walker (Media Specialist), Jill Swafford (Ingleside Principal), Amy McDonald (AUB), Michelle Wright (Ingleside Parent & TVA Representative), Melody Armstrong (Supervisor of Curriculum), and Ingleside students--Maxwell Lingerfelt, Namiyah Smith, Nora Cardoso, & Mabry Grace Wright.



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TODAY IN HISTORY - March 30th

- 1533** - Henry VIII divorced his first wife, Catherine of Aragon.
- 1814** - The allied European nations against Napoleon marched into Paris.
- 1822** - Florida became a U.S. territory.
- 1867** - The U.S. purchased Alaska from Russia for \$7.2 million dollars.
- 1870** - Texas was readmitted to the Union.
- 1964** - "Jeopardy" debuted on NBC-TV.
- 1981** - U.S. President Ronald Reagan was shot and wounded in Washington, DC, by John W. Hinckley Jr. Two police officers and Press Secretary James Brady were also wounded.
- 1982** - The space shuttle Columbia completed its third and its longest test flight after 8 days in space.