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## Today's News... This Morning

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Monday, August 2, 2021

Athens, Tennessee

### Fatality On the Hiwassee River

A 15-year-old boy from Crossville drowned on the Hiwassee River Friday afternoon. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency responded to a call just before 4:45 p.m. regarding an overturned kayak on the Hiwassee River in the Quinn Springs area in Polk County. The TWRA says a group of nine adults and 11 juveniles had left in kayaks and tubes on a point-to-point trip along the Hiwassee River. The 15-year-old was last seen behind the group on a sit-on-top kayak. Members of the group discovered the boy down river, unresponsive and away from his kayak, and called for assistance. TWRA officers, Polk County EMS, the rescue squad, and the Polk County Sheriff's office responded. The male was transported and declared deceased at Starr Regional Medical Center in Etowah. The kayak was later found against a large, downed tree. The victim was transported to UT Medical Center for an autopsy.

**LISTENING REMINDER:** Join us for Main Street Moments on Tuesday. The guest will be Misty Bredwell with Head Start. The program will be heard at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI Radio: AM-1390, FM-94.5 & [ONLINE](#)

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- Wednesday-Etowah-10:30 - 1:30 (across from Johnson's Dept Store)
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- Friday-Sweetwater-Little Drugs-10:30 - 2:30

 

### Local Cemetery History

Local historian and author, Patsy Duckworth, has written another book titled "Legacies of Cedar Grove Cemetery Through 1939." The book is about the lives of people buried at Cedar Grove Cemetery, which includes most of the early founders of Athens. The earliest grave dates back to 1829 and ends with a survey taken in 1939 by the WPA Historical Records Division. Patsy says the cemetery was originally called the "Athens Burying Ground." The earliest person to have been buried at Cedar Grove was Dr. Benjamin Stout from Rhea County. Dr. J.L. Cook, who started the Athens Academy, a school for blacks, is buried there. Robert Fisher is also buried at Cedar Grove. He was the first Athenian to ride in an airplane and owned the first car in Athens. He was an industrialist who built the Grandview Hotel and founded Athens Stove Works. He also invented a "typewriter." For information about purchasing a copy of the book, you can call Patsy Duckworth at (423) 381-2302.



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**Community News You Can Use**

- ✓ The Niota Police Department invites you to “National Night Out” on Tuesday, August 3rd, from 6 to 9 p.m. in downtown Niota. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. There will be snacks, games, prizes, bounce houses, school supplies, child ID cards, and police and fire vehicles on display, and more.
- ✓ Classmates of Sweetwater High School Classes of the 70’s will be having “The Great Gathering” on Saturday, September 25th, from 5 to 10 p.m. at Hunter’s Courtyard, Main Street, in Sweetwater. All classmates from 1970-1979 are invited. The cost is \$25 per person. For more information call Pamela McCallie-Clark at 368-0645 or Cheryl Leach at 807-0057.

**Obituaries**

- ♦ **John Mullinax**, age 75, of Tellico Plains, died early Sunday at his home. He had been a long-time football coach at McMinn County High School. He also coached at several other schools during his career. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral and Cremation Services of Athens.
- ♦ **B. Stephen Shamblin**, age 70, of Etowah, died Friday. He was formerly from Logan, West Virginia, where a graveside service will be held on August 4th. The family will have a memorial service at Bordwine Funeral Home at a later date.
- ♦ **Ethel Louise Stiles**, age 68, of McMinn County, died July 25th. She worked for Allied Hosiery Mills for 25 years as a sock knitter. A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at Companion Funeral Home of Athens, with visitation at 5 p.m.

◆ **COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Friday 7-30**

**Tennessee:** 893,554 cases, up 2,223. 12,732 deaths, up 2.

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>CASES</u>	<u>ACTIVE</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
McMinn	6,850 up 18	147	105
Meigs	1,454 up 2	17	24
Monroe	6,099 up 10	80	98
Polk	2,150 up 5	25	24
Bradley	15,629 up 28	226	156
Rhea	4,484 up 6	78	82

**ROARING 20'S DINNER & DANCE**

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