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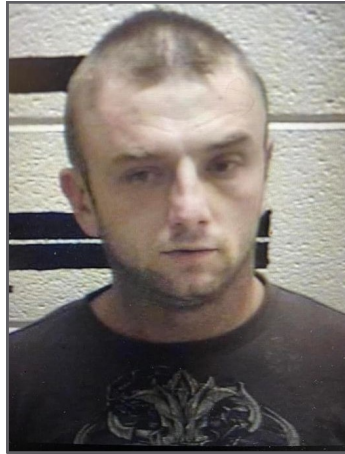
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Tuesday, December 28, 2021

Athens, Tennessee

Search Is On for Murder Suspect

The search continues in East Tennessee for a Georgia murder suspect. Brandon Neil Wiseman is wanted for murder in Murray County, Georgia that happened Sunday morning. He was spotted in Englewood later in the day. Wiseman had ties to a local business in Englewood. When Englewood police investigated the business, they spotted Wiseman with his sister, Jessica Jenkins. The two fled in a brown 1999 Nissan Pathfinder (TN License 1U7-6J6). After a chase, Wiseman let his sister out and then drove across the McMinn-Monroe County line in the Gudger area. Jenkins was taken into custody. Wiseman was spotted later in Madisonville. Law enforcement officers believe that someone took him to Scott County. Wiseman was last seen wearing blue jeans, a green t-shirt, work boots, and a blue and white baseball hat. He is described as a white male with facial hair, standing 5-10 and weighing 177 pounds. Anyone with any knowledge of his whereabouts should immediately call 911.



Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The McMinn County Historical Society will have its January meeting on Sunday, Jan. 9th, at 2 p.m. in the Blue Room at the Courthouse. The speaker will be Joy Montgomery, who will discuss The Hiwassee Garrison. There will also be information about the Historical Society's upcoming move to 107 College Street. Current and former members and guests are encouraged to attend.
- ✓ The Good Faith Clinic will have its final clinic of the year today, Dec. 28th, on the campus of Christ Community Church at 18 S. Congress Parkway in Athens. The clinic provides free medical care for adults under 65 in McMinn and Meigs counties who do not have health insurance. Prescriptions will be refilled at 3 p.m. Patients will be seen at 3:30. However, due to staff shortages because of the holidays, only patients with the most critical needs will be seen today.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Monday 12-27

Tennessee: 1,382,121 cases, up 1,313. 20,613 deaths, up 146.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	11,090	126	196
Meigs	2,333	36	45
Monroe	10,261	117	193
Polk	3,351	37	50
Bradley	23,403	347	316
Rhea	7,361	88	127

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Obituaries

♦ **Ricky Glen Guffey**, age 61, of Athens, died Sunday at his residence. He was employed at MasterCraft in the finishing department. Funeral services were held Monday night. Interment will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at McMinn Memory Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Bennie Martin Raper**, age 95, of Athens, died last Friday, Dec. 24th, at her home. She worked for sewing factories in accounting and retired as a librarian from the Englewood Library at the age of 89. Graveside services were held Monday at Prospect Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

♦ **Herbert Lankey**, age 60, of Riceville, died Sunday at Tennova Healthcare in Cleveland. He was a longtime resident of Meigs County. He worked as a diesel mechanic for many years. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler funeral Home.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. equity markets finished higher. The S&P 500 logged another record high. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 351.82 to 36,302.38. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 65.40 to 4,791.19, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 217.89 points to 15,871.26.

Fire Destroys Car On CR 402

The Niota and Englewood Rural Fire Departments responded to a 2005 Nissan Murano fire on County Rd 402, Madisonville, around 9 a.m. Sunday. The driver reported smoke and fire came from the dash of the vehicle, which was fully involved upon arrival of the fire departments. The vehicle was a total loss, but no injuries were reported.

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