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Athens, Tennessee

Old Year Ends with Fatality

A Chattanooga man was killed in a one-vehicle crash on Interstate 75 in McMinn County early last Friday, December 31st. The Tennessee Highway Patrol says Wayne Sellers, 35, was traveling northbound near mile marker 37 when his vehicle ran off the right side of the road. He over-corrected, and the car went back across the roadway into the median, where it struck a tree. Sellers was pronounced dead at the scene.

UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS IN SE TENNESSEE

The unemployment rate for November was down in 85 of Tennessee's 95 counties. Here in the Athens area:

McMinn County - The jobless rate for November was 3.3%, down from 3.4% in October.

Meigs County - Unemployment in November was 3.6%, unchanged from October.

Monroe County - Unemployment was 2.9% in November, down from 3.0% in Oct.

Rhea County - 3.8% in November, down from 4.1% in Oct.

Polk County - 2.8% in November, down from 3.2% in Oct.

Bradley County - 2.9% in November, down from 3.2% in Oct.

Community News You Can Use

✓ The Athens Parks and Recreation Department announces the 2022 Daddy-Daughter Dance will be held on Friday, Feb. 11th, and Saturday, Feb. 12th, this year. Parks Director Austin Fesmire says they are doing everything possible to safely hold the dance, which is one of the largest indoor events in the city. Fesmire says they will be closely watching COVID developments so they can make intelligent decisions about the dance.

✓ It's been postponed for the last two weeks, but the Athens Public Works Department says Keith Lane will be closed from Crestway Drive to Powers Path this week for construction work.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Friday 12-31

Tennessee: 1,427,052 cases, up 14,750. 20,880 deaths, up 29.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	11,183, up 26	182, up 42	196
Meigs	2,365, up 13	57, up 17	46
Monroe	10,353, up 26	176, up 18	196, up 1
Polk	3,386, up 16	54, up 13	50
Bradley	23,701, up 95	554, up 117	320, up 2
Rhea	7,410, up 23	113, up 22	130, up 2



Year End Sale begins Tuesday, Jan. 4th at 10am to 6pm

Sale will continue for two weeks. Hours of Service: M, T, Thu, Fri 10-5:30; Sat. 10-2

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- Friday-Sweetwater-Little Drugs-10:30 - 2:30



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Monday - Much colder with plenty of sunshine. Winter storm warning until 10 a.m. High 39.

Mon. night - Clear and cold. Low 21.

Tuesday - Sunny and milder. High 49.

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Obituaries

♦ **John Addison Penney**, age 99, of Athens, died on December 27th. He served in the U.S. Maritime Service during World War Two. After the war, he worked at the Brookhaven National Laboratory in Brookhaven, New York, retiring as an Isotope and Special Materials Engineer. He later moved to Athens. A memorial service will be held on January 8th at Allen Memorial United Methodist Church, with the family receiving friends at 1 p.m. and the service at 2 p.m. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

♦ **Mary Goforth Vaughn**, 88, of Decatur, died Saturday. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

♦ **Frances Perian**, age 70, of Etowah, died last Thursday, Dec. 30th. No formal services will be held at this time. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Thomas Carl Dodd**, age 64, of Etowah, died Thursday, Dec. 30th, at his home. Funeral services were held Sunday at Companion Funeral Home.

♦ **Anna Faye Hall Haggitt**, age 82, of Etowah, died Friday, Dec. 31st. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m. Interment will follow the service in Green Hill Cemetery.

It's Back to School this week at area schools. Fairview Christian Academy returns to school today. School resumes in Meigs County, Etowah City, and Valley Christian Academy on Tuesday, Jan. 4th. The Athens City, McMinn County, Christ's Legacy Academy, and Etowah City Schools resume on Wed., Jan. 5th.

Car Wrecks During Storm

Last Wednesday night, December 29th, the driver of this 2008 Scion XD walked away without injury after overturning on County Road 405 during a severe thunderstorm. The Niota and Englewood Rural Fire Departments responded. Deputy Tyler Arant with the McMinn County Sheriff's Dept. investigated.

(Photo by Christian Willis with the Niota Fire Dept. Details by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire)



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