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Athens, Tennessee

Cleveland Man Faces Charges

A 23-year-old Cleveland, TN man is facing charges after a crash in McMinn County that claimed the life of Toby Reid, the 2023 Sea Scout of the Year. According to an arrest warrant issued by the Tennessee Highway Patrol, the two-vehicle crash occurred on Wednesday, Sept. 6th on Highway 39. An arriving THP trooper was advised by other emergency personnel at the scene that the driver of the second vehicle, identified as Reid, was dead. The THP trooper made contact with the first driver, Samuel David Phillips, 23, who said he was traveling east on Highway 39 West and attempted to make a left turn to get onto Interstate 75; failing to yield the right-of-way to another vehicle according to the warrant. The THP trooper conducted a field sobriety test with Phillips, who was unable to correctly perform the commands. He also refused a blood draw after being informed of Tennessee's Implied Consent law. A search of the vehicle was conducted after a search warrant was obtained, and multiple intoxicating beverages and five firearms were found inside Phillips' vehicle. Phillips was taken to the McMinn County Jail. Phillips made an initial court appearance on Sept. 7 and was charged with Vehicular Homicide, Reckless Endangerment, Violation of Implied Consent, Open Container and Possession of a Handgun Under the Influence. His bond was set at \$77,500.

Community News You Can Use

- ✓The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following street closures: The areas to be affected are Jackson Street from Green Street to Washington Avenue and Madison Avenue from White Street to Green Street. These closures will be on Saturday, September 16th from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The purpose of this closing is for the Athens Travelers Car Club Cruise-In event. For more information, please contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.
- ✓Starr Regional Medical Center Auxiliary is celebrating 50 plus years of providing volunteer assistance for the residents and patients of Starr Regional facilities in both Athens and Etowah. The auxiliary is recruiting volunteers! To learn more call 423-745-3457 or 423-263-3627. You may also visit the website at starregional.com/auxiliary or stop by either of the Kozy Korner gift shops.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULES for Sep 15th:
7 p.m. Games: McMinn Co. Cherokees host Oak Ridge; Walker Valley Mustangs play at Ooltewah;
7:30 p.m. Games: McMinn Central Chargers play at Sweetwater; Meigs Co. Tigers play at Stone Memorial.
Sep 16th-SATURDAY: The University of Tennessee travels to Gainesville to play the Florida Gators. Game time is 7 p.m. and will be on television on ESPN.

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦**Dan B. Alexander**, age 81, of Athens, passed away Wednesday, September 13th at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. He was born in Mansfield, Ohio, and lived in Marietta, GA for the majority of his life. He moved to Athens after retirement to be a gentlemen farmer and be closer to his family. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam war. He worked for Honeywell for 38 years, where he received a Lifetime Achievement Award and served on the team that supervised the readiness of specialized equipment on Air Force 1. He was a licensed pilot and a member of the Quiet Birdman Organization in the Atlanta Hangar and Knoxville Hangar for 40 years. He also restored and collected antique John Deere tractors, and he was a member of the Two Cylinder Tractor Club. He was a member of Clearwater Baptist Church. He loved the Lord and his church family dearly. A funeral service will be at 1:30pm, Saturday, September 16th at Clearwater Baptist Church. Interment will follow in Clearwater Cemetery with Military Honors provided by the U.S. Air Force. There will be no formal visitation. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

♦**Eric Timothy "Tim" Newberry, Sr.**, age 79, of Etowah, passed away from his battle with ALS on Wednesday, September 13th. Tim retired from Huber after 30 years as an Instrument Mechanic. He was a 1962 graduate of Etowah High School. He was a loving and kind husband, father, and grandfather. His retirement job was being papaw and fishing guide to Hope and Abby. A graveside service will be held at 12:00 p.m., Saturday, September 16th in New Bethel Cemetery. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge.

♦**Larry O'Neal (Soapy) Chandler**, age 84 of Athens, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 13th at his residence. He was a native and lifelong resident of McMinn County. He retired from CSX Railroad as an engineer and a member of First Baptist Church of Athens. Graveside services will be at 11:00 A.M. Saturday in Niota Cemetery. There will be no formal visitation. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Church News & Events

- Mt. Verd Baptist Church is having a revival from September 17th-September 20th. Evangelist Brent Carr will be preaching each service and the Carr Family will be singing. Times are Sunday at 10 am and 6 pm, and Monday-Wednesday at 7 pm. For more information call 423-506-4052.

- The "2 by 2 Quartet" will be singing at Lakeside Baptist Church in Ten Mile on Sunday, September 17th at 6 p.m. They are a group of young energetic guys willing and wanting to do the Lord's work...to see lost and hurting souls come to the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Everyone is invited.

- Journey Home will be singing at Cambria Baptist Church, 305 County Road 875, Etowah, on September 24th at 6 PM. Everyone is welcome.

- Trinity Trio will be singing September 24th at Mercy Baptist Church Homecoming at 11 o'clock with a covered dish dinner to follow.

- Mars Hill Presbyterian Church (205 North Jackson Street) is sponsoring a free children's playgroup on Mondays, 9-11 a.m. for ages 0-5. This is a social opportunity for young children and their parents to gather to spend time with other parents while their children play and interact with other children. Some playdays may include music, crafts, or story time. For additional information, contact the Church Office (423-745-1403) or Mary Ann Reed (910-200-2905).

- Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

- If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, Mars Hill Presbyterian Church of Athens now offers a GriefShare program each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. For more information call 423-829-5052.

- Celebrate Recovery meets at the following churches: The Englewood Church of God every Sunday at 6 p.m. and Woodward Avenue Church of God every Tuesday at 6 p.m.

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