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FATAL MVA IN DELANO



A 2013 Peterbilt Tractor Trailer and a 2005 Yamaha motorcycle collided on Hwy 163 at County Road 850 in Delano close to 8am on Sunday, April 28. The driver of the motorcycle died on the scene and driver of the tractor trailer was uninjured. The highway was shut down for approximately 4 hours. Etowah Rural Fire, Claxton Fire, AMR, Polk County and McMinn County Sheriff's Department all responded. THP Officer Taylor James investigated the accident. *Photo by Etowah Rural Fire Department*

Community News You Can Use

- The Eastanallee Car Show is this Saturday, May 4, from 10 am to 2 pm at Eastanallee Baptist Church at 482 County Road 725 in Riceville. There will be Music, Door Prizes and Barbeque. There's free admission and no registration fee. Special thanks to the Athens Travelers, Inc.
- The McMinn Senior Activity Center (205 McMinn Ave., Athens) will be hosting Dancing and Live Music featuring "Marshal Law" on Friday, May 3 and Friday, May 10 from 7 pm to 9 pm with Doors Opening at 6:45 pm on both nights. Cost of Admission is \$5 and everyone is welcome. For more information contact the McMinn Senior Activity Center at (423) 745-6830.
- WYXI Radio will be out on the town again next Friday, May 10 from 10 am to 2 pm for a LIVE Radio Broadcast celebrating Dooley Tractor Company's 85th year in Business. It's also the Kubota Orange Days Sales Event with lots of giveaways, and more. Dooley Tractor Company, founded 1939, is located at 109 N. Congress Pkwy in Athens. Stay tuned to WYXI on FM 94.5 and AM 1390 as well as the Morning Fax for more info in the coming days.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Tues. - Thunderstorms.
Chance of Rain 90% High 72.
Tues. night - Partly Cloudy.
Low 56.
Wed. - Sunny. High 81.
Wed. Night - Mostly Clear.
Low 54.
More weather at: wyxi.com

TODAY IN HISTORY - APRIL 30

1789 - George Washington was inaugurated as our first president. He had previously served as Commander of the Continental Army that won the Revolutionary War against Britain. He also served as president of the convention that produced the U.S. Constitution.
1803 - The United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France.
1859 - "A Tale of Two Cities" by Charles Dickens was first published in serial form in a literary magazine.

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League of Extraordinary Teens



Mia Sewell, a Junior at McMinn County High School, and Sophie Carroll, an 8th grader at Athens City Middle School, recently completed the requirements to be recognized in the League of Extraordinary Teens Program. The Governor's Early Literacy Foundation established this opportunity as a statewide initiative to engage Tennesseans ages 13 – 19 in the financial and logistical support of Imagination Library programs in their counties. League membership requires teens to personally register ten children and raise funds to cover the cost of including those children in their county's Imagination Library for one full year. Mia and Sophie were presented their certificates signed by Governor Lee at the 2024 Youth Leadership Awards day sponsored by the McMinn County Education Foundation. Presenting the awards to Mia and Sophie is Heather Login, Regional Program Manager for the Governor's Early Literacy Foundation. If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact the MCEF at mcminncef@gmail.com Photo Credit: McMinn County Education Foundation

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Obituaries

- **Barbara Phyllis Wilson Davis**, 74 of McMinn County, passed away on Friday, April 26. She was a member of Cambria Baptist Church. Family and friends are invited to attend the graveside service which will be held at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, May 1, at Goodsprings Cemetery. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Barbara Phyllis Wilson Davis.
- **Austin Howard Teague**, age 87, a native and lifelong resident of McMinn County, passed away on Saturday, April 27. He was employed for 31 years with S&K and NAPA Auto Parts in Athens. Austin was a member of Union Hill Baptist Church. The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 2, at Ziegler Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 7:00 PM at the funeral home. Graveside services will be held on Friday, May 3, at 1:00 PM at McMinn Memory Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Austin Howard Teague.
- **Danny Ray Ledford**, age 69, a native and lifelong resident of McMinn County, passed away on Sunday, April 28. He was a member of Union Hill Baptist Church. Family and friends are invited to attend the graveside service which will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, May 2, at McMinn Memory Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Danny Ray Ledford.



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2024 Youth Leadership Awards

At the 2024 Youth Leadership Awards Ceremony, the McMinn County Education and Community Foundation (MCEF) recognized 67 Youth Leaders from all around the county. Students were chosen from all the public schools in our area to be recognized for their leadership and involvement in their communities. In addition, Patti and Jim Greek were given the Ignite Award. This award publicly recognizes and thanks a group or person who has provided time, skills, or financial assistance to support MCEF projects and causes. Kathy Dougherty and Becky Jaquish were surprised with The Legacy Award. This award is in recognition and appreciation of the recipient's influence in promoting the continued growth of the Foundation therefore contributing to better lives and community through its educational endeavors. MCEF is focused on supporting educational endeavors in our ever-changing community. *Photos Courtesy of McMinn County Education Foundation*



6th Grade Youth



7th Grade Youth



8th Grade Youth



Becky Jaquish and Kathy Dougherty
Legacy Award Recipients



Ginger Robinson, MCEF Executive Director
with Patti & Jim Greek, Ignite Award Recipients

