

### State & Local News

### • CRASH ON ROCKY MOUNT ROAD

One person suffered minor injuries in a two-vehicle wreck Thursday morning on Rocky Mt. Road near the Animal Clinic. (Photo by Phil Prichard)



#### FORMER DETECTIVE INDICTED

Josh Rhodes, a former detective for both the Athens City Police Department and the McMinn County Sheriff's Office, has been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of wire fraud and identify theft. The indictment alleges that Rhodes stole a suspect's identity while conducting a search warrant on April 28, 2016, and used stolen credit cards to make purchases at stores and businesses in the area. He was fired from the sheriff's office in 2016.

#### SEX OFFENDER COMPLIANCE CHECK

Sheriff Joe Guy says a county-wide sex offender compliance check in McMinn County has netted 8 felony violations, 5 arrests, and a discovery of a small marijuana grow. Sheriff Guy says most of the offenders were living where they are supposed to be.

# National and World

◆ Burt Reynolds, actor, director, and producer, died Thursday at the age of 82. Before his movie career, he played football for the Florida State Seminoles in the 1950s until an injury sidelined him. He began acting on television in the late 1950s, and starred in television series such as Gunsmoke, Hawk, and Dan

August. He made his film debut in *Angel Baby* in 1961. His breakout film role was as Lewis Medlock in *Deliverance* in 1972. He also starred in The Longest *Yard, Smoky and the Bandit, Semi-Tough, Hooper, Smokey and the Bandit II,* and *The Cannonball.* He was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for his performance in Boogie Nights in 1997. The cause of death was cardiopulmonary arrest.

#### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Athens Area Council for the Arts opens its 39th annual performance season tonight at 7:30 PM with folk singer Jonathan Byrd and The Pickup Cowboys featuring Kyshona Armstrong. Byrd is a preacher's son, a Gulf War veteran, and an awardwinning songwriter from Chapel Hill, N.C. Tickets are available online at <u>athensartscouncil.org</u>, by phone at 423-745-8781, or in person at 320 North White Street, Athens, TN.

**FOOTBALL:** MCHS hosts Rhea County...Central hosts Polk County...and Meigs County travels to Sequatchie County. The University of Tennessee hosts ETSU in Knoxville on Saturday. Kickoff time is scheduled for 4 p.m. and will be broadcast on the SEC Network.





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### Obituaries

• **Robert Lee "Bob" McClary**, age 90, of Etowah, died Wednesday at Starr Regional Medical Center in Etowah. He served in the Navy and was discharged from the Naval Reserve at the rank of Lieutenant. He and his wife, Adele, owned and operated McClary's Hardware store from 1957 until its sale in 2015. A private graveside service will be held Friday at Benton Memorial Gardens. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

• Gary Lee Lankford, age 66, of Athens, died Tuesday. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marines, serving during Vietnam. Graveside services will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday in Upper Spring Creek Cemetery, with visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home.

• Lawrence "BooBoo" Galligan, age 51, of Etowah, died Tuesday at a Knoxville hospital. A gathering of friends will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. this Sunday, Sept. 8th, at Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah.

• Frances Marie Smith, age 72, of Englewood, died Wednesday at Erlanger Hospital. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Victory Baptist Church in Niota with visitation from 5 - 7 p.m. at the church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE: ✓ The Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce "Good Morning Etowah" networking event will be hosted by the Daily-Post Athenian from 8 to 9 a.m. today.

✓ The McMinn Living Heritage Museum's Heritage School on Saturday will feature an American Girl Doll Celebration from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

# **Church News & Events**

- St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Etowah will have its monthly Community Harvest Share today from 2:30 to 3 p.m. Locally grown vegetables will be offered free including cucumbers, okra, tomatoes, onions, zucchini, and squash, along with several school supplies and toys for the kids. Prayer will be offered to all.

- The Nazarene Church on W. Madison Ave. at Crestway Drive will have a yard sale Saturday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. to raise money for a missions trip.

- Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, 126 County Road 881 in East Etowah, will celebrate Homecoming this Sunday. The group Eastern Sky and Jason Stewart will be singing during the 10:30 a.m. morning service. Afterward, everyone is invited to dinner in the fellowship hall.

- Harwell Chapel AME Zion Church will have a Homecoming Celebration this Sunday at 11 a.m. Rev. William Dickerson from Rice Chapel AME Zion Church in Madisonville, will be the speaker. Dinner will follow the morning service. The church is located at 374 County Road 890, Etowah.

- The Athens Christian Church at 802 S. Matlock Avenue will have a youth kickoff this Sunday from 6 to 7 p.m. The group is called "The Shield" and it will be a place of refuge, a place to find true friends, and a place to find relief from the pressures of the world.

