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Fatal Wreck on Highway 305

A three vehicle wreck last Wednesday afternoon on State Route 305 near the Clearwater Market, claimed the life of 29 year-old William Gossett of Athens. Gossett was driving a 2008 Nissan and was involved in a collision with a 2000 model Freightliner Log Truck driven by Danny Vick, 72, of Cleveland, who was injured. Another vehicle, a 1999 Toyota 4-Runner, was also involved in the crash. It was driven by 24 year-old Taylor Ingram of Etowah. A 9 year-old female was in Ingram's car and both occupants were injured. Gossett was flown to Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga where he died. Tennessee State Trooper Ben Harrison investigated the wreck. No charges were filed.

◆LOUDON COUNTY HAS 3 FATALITIES

It was a deadly weekend on the Interstate Highways in Loudon County. On Saturday, an automobile driver ran over a motorcyclist at the Kingston exit of I-40, killing the operator of the motorcycle and his female passenger. Sunday morning there was another fatal wreck on I-75 near Philadelphia which claimed another life. In both instances, the interstate was closed for several hours, while medical helicopters could land at the various locations.

LISTENING REMINDER: The guest on the Main Street Athens radio show, "Main Street Moments," this week will be Megan Randolph, the owner of Birds of a Feather Boutique. You can hear the program each Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, FM 94.5 and AM 1390 or online at wxyi.com

TWU Holds Commencement

Tennessee Wesleyan University held the school's 163rd Spring Commencement on Friday, August 7. The original ceremony had been postponed due to Covid-19. Other safety measures altered the traditional celebration: graduates socially distanced themselves while seated, only four guests per graduate were provided chairs within the Lawn of the Colloms Community Building. Additional spectators filled the other areas around the new campus center. You can watch the 2020 Commencement on the [University's YouTube channel](#). (Photo by Tommy Botello Photography)



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Monday - Intervals of clouds & sunshine. 60% chance of t'storms. High 86.

Mon. night - Mostly cloudy & humid. 95 % t'storms. Low 70

Tuesday - P. cloudy & humid. High 92; feels like 101.

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- Saturday-Sweetwater- Little Drugs-10:30 - 2:30
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Obituaries

- ♦ **William Joshua Caleb Gossett**, age 29, of Athens, died Wednesday, August 6, at Erlanger Medical Center. A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. prior to the service.
- ♦ **Pamela "Pam" Lugene Ray Henry**, age 65, of Athens, died last Tuesday, August 6, at Life Care Center of Athens. At the request of the family, there will be no formal services. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.
- ♦ **Maggie Roberts**, age 92, of Ten Mile, died last Thursday, August 6. Graveside services were held Saturday at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Bowers Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

◆ **COVID 19 Virus Update**
 As of Sunday, Tennessee has had 122,712 cases of COVID-19, with 80,997 recoveries and 1,223 deaths. McMinn County reports 547 cases with 157 active and 20 deaths. Monroe County's total is 444 with 211 active and 9 deaths. Meigs County reports 106 cases, with 42 active. Polk County reports 206 cases with 80 active and 3 deaths. Bradley County has 1,943 cases, 625 active, and 12 deaths. Rhea County shows 536 cases, with 128 active and 2 deaths.

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The McMinn County School Board will meet in regular session this Thursday, August 13th, at 5:30 p.m. at the McMinn County Center for Educational Excellence. By using the COVID-19 precautions issued by Governor Bill Lee, the school board will resume meeting as a governing body but will continue to provide online meeting access for the public from their website and social media platforms.
- ✓ The Athens City Council will hold its monthly study session today at 5:45 p.m. at the Municipal Building. One of the topics likely to be discussed is the appointment of someone to fill the unexpired term of former council member John Coker, who resigned last month. No votes will be taken at the study session.
- ✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce will host a lunch and learn seminar on, Thursday, August 20th, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Lite House located at 1 West College Street in Athens. The seminar will show how to increase net profits through reimbursed monies from the IRS with R&D tax credits and other tax reduction strategies. Chamber Member Kevin Michalek with Covenant Tax Reduction Strategies will be the presenter. The seminar, which includes lunch, is free to chamber members and \$5 for the general public. Space will be limited. You can reserve a seat by calling the chamber at 745-0334. Masks will be required.

TODAY IN HISTORY - AUGUST 10th

1776 - A committee consisting of Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson suggested the United States adopt the Latin words "E Pluribus Unum" as the motto for its great seal. The motto means "Out of Many, One."

1821 - Missouri, the "show me" state, became the 24th state.

1833 - Chicago was incorporated as a village with a population of 200.

1846 - The Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., was officially established. The Smithsonian includes centers that offer scientific, educational, and cultural exhibits and information. It was established thanks to a gift of one-thousand pounds from an Englishman, James Macie Smithson.

1977 - "Son of Sam" serial killer David Berkowitz was arrested in Yonkers, N.Y., accused of six slayings and seven woundings in a year-long spree of random shootings of mostly young couples parked in cars in New York City. (Berkowitz is serving six consecutive sentences of 25 years to life in prison.)

2006 - British authorities announced they had thwarted a terrorist plot to simultaneously blow up 10 aircraft heading to the United States.

2008 - American swimmer Michael Phelps won the first of a record eight gold medals at the Beijing Olympics by smashing his own world record in the 400-meter individual medley.

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