

## **VEHICULAR <u>HOMICIDE 2 COUNTS</u>**

An arrest affidavit through the McMinn County court shows 22year-old Jaylen Deandre Wesley-Cook of Cleveland was booked at the McMinn County Jail on Monday, and is facing a long list of charges. Wesley-Cook is charged with the death of Air'ra Wilson and Shytez Jackson, both students at Cleveland High School, in a car wreck that occurred in Calhoun on Cherokee Crossing Street. The wreck happened about 11 p.m. last



Friday night. Another girl, who was also a passenger in the Hyundai Santa Fe, suffered a skull fracture and was flown to Erlanger in Chattanooga. According to the THP, the car was driven by Wesley-Cook. He lost control of the vehicle, skidded off the road and hit a tree, causing the car to flip onto its top. The investigating officer said that the vehicle had "an open bottle of Crown Royal as well as a Zip Lock bag containing approximately 10 grams of a green, leafy substance believed to be marijuana". Wesley-Cook is charged with 2 counts of vehicular homicide, simple possession of drugs, aggravated assault with great bodily harm, and reckless endangerment with a deadly weapon. He's being held in jail under bonds totaling \$208,000. More details about the tragedy are available at: <u>Newschannel9.com</u> *Photo of Wesley-Cook courtesy of the McMinn County Sheriff's Department* 

### **Community News You Can Use**

- The City of Athens Parks and Recreation Department has announced that Soap Box Derby registration will open on Monday, April 29th, 2024. Registration will be open online, in-person, and over the phone until Friday, May 17th at 5:00pm. Online registration will still be open until Sunday, May 19th at 11:59pm. For the first time since 2019, the race will take place on Keith Lane on Saturday, June 1st 2024. Registration can be done online at <u>www.athenstn.gov</u>, by calling the Parks & Recreation office at (423) 744-2704, or by visiting the office at 815 N. Jackson St.
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  - The Third Annual Veteran's Expo is taking place TO-MORROW, Thursday, May 2 from 9 am - 4 pm at Athens Regional Park. Attending agencies include NRCS, TWRA, Beekeepers, the McMinn Living Heritage Museum, E.G. Fisher Public Library, YMCA, and many others. Everyone is invited.

◆ The guest this week on "Hope From the Well" will be **Connie McIntosh** discussing "Power in the Blood". Hope From the Well is heard each Thursday morning at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.





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# Obituaries

Linda Ann Myers, 81 of Athens, passed away on Sunday, April 28, at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. A graveside service will be conducted at noon on Friday, May 3 at Evergreen Cemetery in Miamisburg, Ohio. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of local arrangements.

Janice Nadine Teague Cumbus, age 80, passed away on Monday, April 29, 2024. She had lived in many parts of the country and for several years in McMinn County. The family will receive friends from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM on Monday, May 6, at Ziegler Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held afterwards at 2:30 PM at McMinn Memory Gardens in Athens. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Janice Nadine Teague Cumbus. Judith Kay Jones Sullins, 80, passed away peacefully on April 26. She graduated from Tennessee Wesleyan College in 1964 with a bachelor of arts degree in music. In 1975, she began playing organ at Trinity United Methodist Church and, in 1980, became the choral director. She also conducted children's, youth, and handbell choirs during her almost 40-year career at Trinity UMC. Visitation will be Wednesday, May 8, from 5:00-7:00 at Smith Funeral Home. The funeral service will be Thursday, May 9 at 11:00 am at Keith Memorial United Methodist Church, with burial to follow at Sullins Cemetery. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax. If you take a newsworthy photograph, send it to: wyxiradio@gmail.com

### WEATHER FORECAST

Wednesday - Fog in the Morning. Sunny after in the afternoon. Light Winds, High 80.

Wednesday night - Mostly Clear. Lows in the mid 50s. Light Winds. Low 55.

Thursday .Sunny. High 85

**Thursday night -** Partly Cloudy & light winds. Low 60. More weather at: <u>wyxi.com</u>



#### Today In History - May 1

1707 - The Kingdom of Great Britain was created as a treaty merging England and Scotland took effect.

1786 - Mozart's opera "The Marriage of Figaro" premiered in Vienna.

**1931** - The Empire State Building in New York City was dedicated.

**1941**- Orson Welles's *Citizen Kane*, considered by many critics to be the greatest film ever made, premiered in New York City.

