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Three Victims Identified in Middle TN Plane Crash



In a continuation of Friday's lead story found [HERE](#), National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) officials announced they will continue to collect debris from a plane that crashed in Williamson County on Wednesday, resulting in the deaths of three people. The debris field covers a half-mile radius, and collecting all wreckage pieces will take time, according to NTSB spokesperson Aaron McCarter. The plane was en route from Louisiana to Kentucky.

Lucius J. Doucet III was identified as a victim by his medical practice, and Louisiana State University announced the deaths of his children, Giselle and Jean-Luc Doucet. Both were set to graduate from LSU on Friday; Giselle was attending veterinary school, and Jean-Luc was majoring in engineering.

Witnesses reported seeing the plane descending from 10,000 feet to 7,500 feet, with its wings appearing to move backward and the aircraft seemingly out of control. The plane, a Beech Vector 35, manufactured in 1966 and discontinued in the '80s, showed a debris pattern indicative of an in-flight breakup. The NTSB plans to transport the debris to Springfield to reconstruct the event. A preliminary report will be issued 10 days after the NTSB concludes its on-site investigation. Although the plane did not have a black box, investigators retrieved two memory cards from the scene, which will be analyzed for potential data. So far, 75% of the plane's structure has been recovered, and the search for the remaining parts continues.

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

Jacquelyn "Jackie" Jean Carnes Carpenter, 68 of Meigs County, passed away on Thursday, May 16. She was a member of Pisgah Baptist Church. The family will receive friends from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, May 21 at Ziegler Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 PM at the funeral home with interment to follow at Decatur Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Jacquelyn "Jackie" Jean Carnes Carpenter.

Connie Hershey, 91 of Etowah, TN, passed away Thursday, May 16. She was a member of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church her entire life and was a faithful volunteer at the Etowah Cooperative Food Pantry that is housed at Wesley Memorial UMC. Funeral service will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 21 in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday prior to the service. Family and friends will assemble Wednesday, May 22 in Green Hill Cemetery for the 11:00 a.m. committal service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Cynthia Ann Frank, 66 of Sweetwater, TN passed away on May 14. The family received friends on Saturday, May 18 from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM at the Athens chapel of Companion Funeral Home. A service celebrating her life was held following the visitation time at 6:00 PM in the funeral home Chapel. Companion Funeral Home of Athens was honored to assist her family with these arrangements.

William "Bill" Ernest Tickel, III, 73 of Athens, passed away on Thursday May 16 at his residence. A native of Bexar County, Texas and a resident of McMinn County since 1987. He was an active member of St. Nektarios Orthodox Church in Lenoir City. A Funeral service was held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, May 18, 2024 at St. Nektarios Orthodox Church, 11525 US 321, in Lenoir City. Interment was held at 2:00 PM Saturday, May 18, at the family cemetery, 159 Co. Rd, 965, in Calhoun. The family will received friends on Friday, May 17, 2024 at the church in Lenoir City. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in Athens was in charge of the arrangements.

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries (Continued)

Jane Stragand, 67 of Hixson, TN went home to be with her Lord and Savior on May 16. Jane loved all the “kids” that would gather at her house in Forest Plaza, when her daughters were young. She loved animals, flowers, scary movies, Hot Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, TJ Maxx and going out to eat with her husband. A visitation was held Saturday, May 18th from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at the funeral home. Interment will be held today, Monday, May 20th at 10 a.m. CST / 11 a.m. EST at Collier Cemetery, Dunlap, TN. Good Samaritan Funeral Home of Athens in charge of arrangements.

Joseph "Joey" Allen, 42 of Athens, passed away Friday, May 17, 2024 at Parkridge Medical Center. A resident of McMinn County most of his life, he was a member of Eastanallee Baptist Church and attended Mount Harmony Baptist Church. He was an employee of Mills Products. Funeral services will be 7 pm Monday, May 20th at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation at 4 p.m. Graveside services will be at 11 am on Tuesday at McMinn Memory Gardens. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home will be in charge of the arrangements.

Sharon Keasler Wilson, 81 of Englewood, passed away Saturday, May 18. Funeral service will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 28 in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday prior to the service. Family and friends will assemble at Bordwine Funeral Home at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 29th and go in procession to McMinn Memory Gardens for the 11:00 a.m. committal service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

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Community News You Can Use

- The Juneteenth Community Celebration is set to take place on Saturday, June 22 from 10 am - 2 pm at J.L. Cook Memorial Park (414 Cook Dr. in Athens). There will be live music, food, and dancers. This free event is a Celebration of Culture and is open to the public and for all ages.
- The City of Athens Public Works Department announces an Open House to showcase the new and improved Public Works facility. The Open House will be at the Public Works Building, at 219 Alford Street, on Wednesday, May 23rd, from 12-2pm. Athens citizens are invited to tour the improved facility after months of renovations. For more information, please contact Public Relations at 744-2798 or email: public_relations@athenstn.gov

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Athens, Tennessee

Arrest Reports

Alisha Webb, 47 of Athens, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for the charge of State Violation of Probation (Probation for Possession of Schedule II Meth, Possession of Schedule IV Substance for Resale). Total Bond : \$14,000.

Otis Ballow, 44 of Athens, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for the charge of Failure to Appear. Total Bond: \$2,000.

Debbie Dillon, 47 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens Police Dept. for the charges of Possession of a Schedule II substance, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia and Driving on a Restricted License. Total Bond: \$17,000.

Joshua Harper, 38 of Etowah, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Possession of Schedule II Methamphetamine for Resale, and two charges of Illegal Possession of a Firearm. Total Bond: \$150,000.

Rashad Hawkins, 36 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens Police Dept. for the charges of Shoplifting and evading arrest. Total Bond: \$3,000.

Dylan Boggess, 25 of Calhoun, was arrested by the Athens Police Dept. for the charges of Possession of Schedule II Methamphetamine, Possession of a Schedule IV Substance, and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$25,728.69

Steven Goins, 43 of Riceville, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Misdemeanor Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$1,703.40

The accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The preceding information was compiled from public sources.



Today In History - - May 20

- 1861** - Kentucky proclaims its neutrality in Civil War
- 1861** - North Carolina becomes 11th and last state to secede from the Union
- 1873** - Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis patent the first blue jeans with copper rivets
- 1927** - Aviator Charles Lindbergh took off from New York aboard "The Spirit of St. Louis" bound for Paris. He landed 33½ hours later, completing the first solo non-stop trans-Atlantic flight.
- 1932** - Amelia Earhart began the first solo flight by a woman across the Atlantic Ocean, flying from Newfoundland to Ireland in just under 15 hours.
- 1942** - During World War II, the Office of Civilian Defense was established.
- 1974** - Judge John Sirica ordered President Nixon to turn over tapes and other records of 64 White House conversations about the Watergate affair.
- 1985** - The FBI arrested John A. Walker Jr., who was later convicted of heading a spy ring for the Soviet Union.

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