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Athens, Tennessee

Drowning at Watts Bar Lake

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency reported two boating related fatality incidents during the Memorial Day holiday weekend. Both incidents occurred in the evening of Monday, May 30th.

One incident involved the body of a woman being recovered from Watts Bar Lake on Tuesday. The body has been identified as 19-year-old Madison Taylor from Rhea County. Search crews and dive teams started their search Monday night around 6:30. The TWRA says the call came in after Taylor entered the water from a boat to swim and did not resurface. Her body was transported to the Rhea County Medical Examiner's office.

Another incident involved a collision between a pontoon boat and personal watercraft (PWC) on South Holston Lake in Sullivan County. The incident resulted in the death of a female passenger on the PWC and serious injuries to the male operator. Each of the incidents remain under investigation. There have been 12 boating-related fatalities thus far this year, according to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ Several events are taking place this Saturday, June 4th in downtown Athens. MooFest takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be live entertainment on two stages, 100 + Food/Craft/Info Vendors, Athens Soap Box Derby, Children's Activities, Mayfield Contests, and Ag Avenue. A Sounds of Summer Concert begins at 7 p.m. at Market Park Pavilion with Tim Decker and Tennessee River opening for EmiSunshine. The Athens Lions 13th Annual Moo Run will take place at Eureka Trail with a 6:30 a.m. sign-in and 7:30 a.m. start. The Athens Soap Box Derby will take place throughout the day starting at 8 a.m. on Washington Avenue at Hill Street.
- ✓ The McMinn County High School Boys Basketball team will have a car wash Saturday, June 4th at Auto Zone in Athens. All proceeds will help cover the cost of summer camps.
- ✓ The Meigs-Decatur Friends of the Library will host a Meet the Author event at Meigs-Decatur Library, Saturday, June 4th at 1 p.m. The event is free. Local author, Dr. Phillip Swanson will discuss his book: *The Bad Shepherd: Joe Shepherd's Dash - A Killer in the Mountains*. The library is located at 120 E. Memorial Drive in Decatur.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Equities finished lower. News over the weekend on more economic sanctions against Russia targeting oil supplies sent crude oil prices higher. European and Asian stocks are mixed. U.S. 10-year yields were higher. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 222.84 to 32,990.12. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 26.09 to 4,132.15, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 49.74 to 12,081.39.

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **William Thomas Edwards**, age 67, passed away Saturday, May 28th in a Greeneville, TN hospital. He was a former resident of Athens. A graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, June 2nd, at McMinn Memory Gardens. There will be no visitation. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge.

♦ **Tina Denise Ogle Templeton**, age 63, of Decatur, passed away on Monday, May 30th. A funeral service will be held on Friday, June 3rd, in the Chapel of Decatur Funeral Home and Cremation Services with interment to follow in the Sweetwater Valley Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., prior to the service.

♦ **Ellen Marie Gant**, age 72, passed away at her home in Decatur on Friday, May 27th. Funeral services will be held on Sunday, June 5th, at 2 p.m. on Zoom. Pictures will start about 1:30 p.m. and the service will be shown at 2 p.m. To watch, log into Zoom with the ID number 4233348869 and PW number 121996. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of the arrangements.

♦ **Phyllis Ann Williams**, age 71, of Athens, passed away Saturday, May 28th after a brief illness. A Celebration of Life service will be at 6 p.m., Friday, June 3rd at Companion Funeral Home of Athens with visitation from 4 to 6 p.m. prior to the service.

Obituaries - Continued

♦ **Howard Leon Crain**, age 59, of Athens, passed away Saturday, May 28th at Tennova at Turkey Creek in Knoxville. He was a native of Belle Glade, FL and a lifelong resident of McMinn County. He worked as a carpenter. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Laycock-Hobbs. Interment will follow in Crain Family Cemetery.

♦ **Willie "Mae" Moses**, age 86, of Englewood passed away Monday, May 30th. A funeral service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 1st at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the service.

♦ **Thomas E. Creps**, age 62, of Athens, passed away Sunday, May 29th at his residence. He was a native of Youngstown, Ohio and a resident of McMinn County since 1996 having moved from Clearwater, FL. Memorial services will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 2nd at Athens Lutheran Church with visitation from 4:30 to 6 p.m. prior to the service at the church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

♦ The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be Shannon Arnwine. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5

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