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Fatal Wreck on Highway 411

A fatal wreck occurred last Sunday evening shortly after 6 p.m. at the intersection of Highway 411 @ Highway 163, The Bowater Road. 81-year-old Michael Piacenza of Port Orange Florida was driving a Kia Soul eastbound on the Bowater Road and allegedly failed to stop at the stop sign on U.S. 411. His vehicle was struck in the driver's side door by a Toyota Camry driven by 60-year-old Bobbie Jackson of Benton. Piacenza died from his injuries. Two passengers in the Camry were injured: Lecia Satterfield, age 58 of Benton and 84-year-old Lecia Colley of Reliance. According to the THP preliminary report, no charges will be filed.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Tennessee Wesleyan University will host a community Christmas Tree Lighting on the campus quad at 6 p.m. on Monday, November 28th. The community is invited to enjoy music by the TWU Praise Band, readings, hot chocolate and s'mores.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL SCHEDULE: Tennessee plays Vanderbilt on Saturday in Nashville. Game time is 7:30 p.m. and T.V. coverage will be on the SEC Network.

Christmas Tree Lighting

✓ Starr Regional Medical Center (SRMC) will host its fourth annual community Christmas Tree Lighting event Tuesday, November 29th from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. The event will take place on the Athens campus, located at 1114 West Madison Avenue. In addition to the tree lighting, which will take place at 6 p.m., attendees will enjoy Christmas carols performed by the West McMinn Youth Choir, photos with Santa, and refreshments, including cookies, hot chocolate and cider. The event is free, and everyone is invited to attend. For more information about the event, please call (423) 745-1411 or visit StarrRegional.com At right is a photo of last year's Christmas Tree Lighting. Photo submitted by Brandi Armstrong.



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Obituaries

✓ **Jeffrey Scott Whitehead**, age 60, of Athens, passed away, Wednesday, November 23rd at U.T. Medical Center in Knoxville. Arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens.

✓ **Jessie Lee Hensley**, age 65, of Athens, passed away on Tuesday, November 22nd at his residence. He was a native of Elizabethton, TN, and longtime resident of McMinn County. He served as store manager at Dollar Tree and Dollar General Stores. A Celebration of Life will be at 2 PM Monday, November 28th at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 12 to 2 p.m. prior to the funeral. Interment will follow at McMinn Memory Gardens.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Equity markets rallied as investors digested the Fed's meeting minutes. Yields fell and growth investments rose in advance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The most notable move across different asset classes was the 4.5% drop in oil prices. The EU discussed imposing a price cap on Russian oil between \$65 and \$70 a barrel which is above Russia's cost of production and higher than some members had hoped. With commodity prices down, the energy sector was the only one to post losses for the day. At the closing bell: DJIA 34,194.06 (+95.96); S&P 500 4,027.26 (+23.68); NASDAQ 11,285.32 (+110.91).

Church News and Events

- Union McMinn Baptist Church drive through Nativity Scene will be December 2nd and 3rd from 6 to 8 p.m. They are located at exit 56 in Niota.

- If you or someone you know is battling addiction, struggling with anger, or other life issues, Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

- West End Baptist Church, Clark Street, Athens will have their Hanging of the Greens Sunday Nov 27th at 6:00 pm.

- If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, Mars Hill Presbyterian Church of Athens now offers a Griefshare program each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. For more information call 423-829-5052.

- Celebrate Recovery meets at the following churches: The Englewood Church of God every Sunday at 6 p.m. and Woodward Avenue Church of God every Tuesday at 6 p.m.

- First Baptist Church of Athens Hanging of the Greens (Senior adult choir) will be Sunday, November 27th at 5pm and Celebrate Christmas (FBC Adult Choir musical) on Sunday, December 4th at 9:30 a.m.

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