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## Three Dead After Middle TN Plane Crash



Williamson Co. Chief Deputy Mark Elrod

On Wednesday, a small plane crashed in Williamson County about 50 miles southwest of Nashville resulting in the deaths of three people, according to county and federal officials. The aircraft, originating from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and en route to Louisville, Kentucky, broke apart mid-flight, as disclosed by Williamson County Chief Deputy Mark Elrod. The crash occurred around noon, with the debris field extending approximately half a mile. Williamson County Fire/Rescue reported the incident on Facebook, specifying the crash site near Bending Chestnut Road and Davis Hollow Road, close to the Natchez Trace Parkway. A 911 call at 12:05 p.m. alerted authorities to the crash, though details were limited. Audio from Air Traffic Control discussed the plane starting to descend from 9,000 feet. It talked about the plane having options to land 16 miles north. Its last communication to the plane was that air traffic controllers saw the plane heading back south. The control tower kept trying to reach the plane — it's not clear how the pilot responded from the audio. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) confirmed the aircraft as a Beech V35 and launched an investigation. *Photo courtesy of Nicole Hester / The Tennessean*

## Community News You Can Use

- Join the Relay for Life TOMORROW on Saturday, May 18 beginning at 2:00 pm at the Market Park Pavilion in Downtown Athens for the Family Festival of Hope. Activities include: Axe Throwing, Crafts and Food, Live Auction, Entertainment, Inflatables, Games, Fire Truck Pull and more. This is a free event and everyone is encouraged to attend. See the full list of events and performers on their Facebook page at the link [HERE!](#)
- Bohannon Farms' 2nd Annual Open House is TOMORROW, Saturday, May 18th at 144 County Road 219 near Niota. The store opens at 10 am with 10% off everything in-stock. Free lunch beginning at 11 am. Live music from *Saved By Grace* from noon to 2 pm. Kids can enjoy the bounce house too, so bring your lawn chairs and celebrate! *See their ad on Page 2 for details.*
- The "My Weekend is Booked" Adult Book Club will meet tomorrow Saturday, May 18th at 2:30 pm at E.G. Fisher Public Library. Also, if you would like to volunteer at the library over the summer, drop in any time for a 20-minute training session on Thursday, May 23 from 6 - 7:30 pm or Friday, May 24, from noon - 1:30pm.

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# East Athens Baptist Church Youth Group May 19, 2024 at 7PM

Friday, May 17, 2024

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Athens, Tennessee

## Obituaries

**John Robert Roby Jr.**, 71 of Athens TN, gained his heavenly wings on Tuesday, May 14, at his home surrounded by his family. John married his wife, Sherri, on September 18, 1976, in the small town of Athens, Alabama, 47 years ago. John retired after 30 years in operations and training from TVA Watts Bar Nuclear Plant. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a member of First Baptist Church of Cleveland, where he enjoyed growing his faith and worshipping his Lord and Savior. Family, friends, and others whose lives John touched are invited to the visitation from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM on Friday, May 17 at Hopewell Church of God in Cleveland, TN. A memorial service will follow at 6:00 PM at the church to reminisce and celebrate his life. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of John Robert Roby, Jr.

**Jane Stragand**, age 67 of Hixson, passed away 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 will be Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 1 - 4 p.m. at the funeral home, the burial will be held Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. CST/11 a.m. EST at Collier Cemetery, Dunlap, TN. Good Samaritan Funeral Home, Athens TN in charge of arrangements.

## Church News and Events

- There is a Gospel Benefit Show happening at Boyd Memorial First Church of God at 1130 N. Congress Pkwy in Athens on Friday, May 24. There will be food for sale and an auction from 4 pm - 6 pm with the singing starting at 6 pm. This is a benefit in support of Cheryl Croft who has been out of work for almost a year due to lung problems. The group *Journey Home* will be the special guest singers. Donations are greatly appreciated. All are welcome. For more information contact Kathie Givens at (423) 920-1022
- First Baptist Church of Etowah will host the Faith Builders Chorale, a 45-person choir, sponsored by the Wellspring Mennonite Church. The program begins Thursday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. The church is located at 824 Washington Avenue. All are welcome.
- McMahan Calvary Baptist Church, 569 County Rd 172 near Athens, will have a Homecoming Service this Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Special singers, *The Carters*, will be at their 10:45 a.m. service with a meal served after the service. Everyone is welcome! Ricky Vaughn is the Pastor. His number is 423-715-7858.

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## Hickman County Man Arrested, Charged with Homicide



An investigation by special agents with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) into the shooting death of one man and injuries to another person in Hickman County has resulted in the arrest of a Bon Aqua man.

On Wednesday, May 15th, at the request of 32nd Judicial District Attorney General Hans Schwendimann, TBI agents responded to a report of a shooting at a residence on Wayne Road in Bon Aqua. Initial reports indicate the incident began with an altercation between a juvenile and a young adult male, and the homeowner, Danny Pewitt, on that property. During that altercation, a motorist, Clair Parish, was flagged down and stopped at that location. At some point during the altercation, the specifics of which remain under investigation, Pewitt fired a weapon, striking and killing Parish and wounding the juvenile. The juvenile was transported to an area hospital for treatment and has since been released. On Wednesday, agents arrested Danny Edward Pewitt. He is charged with one count of Criminal Homicide, and was booked into the Hickman County Jail. The investigation remains ongoing.

## Today in History (May 17)

**1792** - The New York Stock Exchange was founded by brokers meeting under a tree on what is now Wall Street.

**1954** - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that racial segregation in public schools was unconstitutional.

**1973** - The Senate Watergate Committee opened hearings into the break-in at Democratic National Headquarters in the Watergate Building in Washington.

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**Sat** - Showers/storms, 90% chance of rain. High 75.  
**Sat. Night** - Mostly Cloudy, 50% chance of rain low 52.

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## June Happenings at the UT Extension - McMinn

### Tai Chi for Diabetes (June 11th – June 27th)

Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays  
Etowah Community Center, 155 Robinson St., Etowah (10:00am - 11:00am). Cost: \$48/person (lifetime membership).  
Register <https://mcminn.tennessee.edu/>

This program uses the Sun and Yang style Tai Chi. This style may be particularly effective for people of any ability because it includes agile steps and exercises that may improve mobility, breathing and relaxation. A person does not have to be diabetic to attend, open to all! Benefits of the program may include reduced pain and stiffness, improved ability to cope with stress and depression, improved balance, and coordination, decrease in blood pressure, decrease insulin resistance, improved muscle strength and stamina.. The program consists of 19 movements, warm up and cool down exercises. Great for any experience level!

### Stay Strong, Stay Healthy (SSSH) (June 11th – August 1st)

Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays  
Etowah Senior Center, 435 Cooper St., Etowah (11:30am - 12:30pm). Free (Grant-Funded).  
Limit 12 people.  
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### Canning Colleges (June 18th and 25th)

McMinn Higher Education Center, UT Extension- McMinn Office, 2345 Denso Dr., Athens (6:00pm – 8:00pm), \$25/ class. Limited space.  
Register: <https://mcminn.tennessee.edu/>

**June 18th**- Hands-on learning, water-bath canning, take-home some delicious pineapple jam- that you make! CLASS FULL!

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### Parenting Apart: Effective Co-Parenting

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