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EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS FIRST HAND

An Englewood woman is spending a week living like a homeless person so she can find what it's really like to be homeless. Connie Farmer works at Hiwassee Mental Health Center and is also the director of a program that tries to find housing for veterans who are homeless. The plan was for her and her son, Alex, to live out of their car. They started this past weekend. However, a hitch developed when Alex became ill Sunday night and Farmer decided to take him home, dropping him off in the driveway. She is living in her car, using public restrooms, showering at the YMCA, and going to the library to use the computer. She also looks for free meals from Grace and Mercy Ministries and other sources. During the day, she goes to work. Her goal for the week is to spend as little money as possible and to see how long it would take for someone in her situation to get into housing. She's hoping her experience can show what it's like to be homeless and what people in the community can do to help. She is reporting on her week on a blog called Homeless in McMinn.



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NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ On Monday, President Barack Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reaffirmed their commitment to seeking Middle East peace. The leaders emphasized areas of shared interest, including negotiations on a new security arrangement and the goal of peace between Israelis and Palestinians.
- ◆ Tim Wolfe, President of the University of Missouri system and the head of its flagship campus, resigned Monday over complaints that he was unresponsive to racial slurs and other slights on campus. The complaints came to a head when at least 30 black football players announced that they would not play until the president left.
- ◆ Two U.S. government security contractors, a South African trainer and two Jordanians, were shot dead by a Jordanian officer at a U.S. funded police training facility near Amman on Monday. The officer was later shot dead by Jordanian security forces inside the training center. A full investigation is underway.
- ◆ The Pentagon is expected to unveil a plan this week outlining how it would close the detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. There are 112 detainees at Guantanamo, of whom 53 are deemed eligible for transfer.

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Community News You Can Use

- ✓ Medic Regional Blood Center will hold a blood drive at Keith Memorial United Methodist Church tomorrow, Nov. 11, from noon to 7:30 p.m. in The Gathering Room. All types of blood is needed, and all donors will receive a T-shirt and a coupon good for a Texas Roadhouse appetizer.
- ✓ The 100 Years Committee and the Friends of the Etowah Carnegie Library will host a cookout this Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the Etowah Library. There will be hot dogs, chips, drinks, and cupcakes. There will also be an opportunity to provide a memory to be included in the Time Capsule that will be buried at the end of the year. The event is free.
- ✓ The McMinn County Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting this Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the McMinn County Center for Educational Excellence, #3 South Hill Street, Athens.
- ✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce will have a Cash Mob! this Thursday from noon to 5 p.m. at Cleveland Dollar, 939 Decatur Pike, in Athens.
- ✓ The Athens Area Council for the Arts is featuring an exhibit titled "Creative Harvest: The Art of Agriculture" through December 31st. The exhibit features work by local artists. The opening reception will be this Friday at 5:30 p.m. at The Arts Center, with the Awards Ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.
- ✓ EmiSunshine will perform at Niota Elementary School this Sunday at 2 p.m. in a concert to benefit the school's library, art, and music programs. General admission is \$5.

Obituaries

- **Carol Evelyn Helms Brown**, age 70, of Riceville, died Saturday at her home. She was retired from Thomas and Betts after 30 years of service. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home. There will be no funeral service. Burial will be private.
- **Effie J. Rayle**, age 90, of Niota, (and formerly of Decatur) died last Friday at Brookewood Nursing Center. She worked for 35 years at Ridge Textile. Funeral services were held Monday night at Bowers Funeral Home in Decatur. Interment will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Tranquility Cemetery, Niota.
- **Kathy Ann Wallace Givens**, age 59, of Sweetwater, died last Friday. She was a lifelong resident of McMinn County. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m.
- **Johnnie "John" Blan Van Meter**, age 72, of Niota, died Saturday at Parkwest Medical Center. He retired from GM as a trucking and coach inspector, and was a former bus driver for the Athens City School System. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Ziegler.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks were lower as investors weighed weak Chinese economic data and the possibility of an interest rate hike in December. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 179.85 at 17,730.48. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 20.62 at 2,078.58, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 51.82 at 5,095.30.

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