

STATE & LOCAL NEWS

NEW MEDICARE CARDS ARE COMING

If you are a beneficiary of Medicare, check your mail very carefully. The McMinn Senior Center advises that you will be receiving a new Medicare card with an important new identification number soon. In April, Medicare began to issue all 60 million of its beneficiaries new cards with new ID numbers as a way to combat identity theft and fraud. The ID number will be different from your Social Security number. The new Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) will be an 11-character string with random numbers and capital letters. It will take about a year for Medicare to send out all the new cards. When you receive it, you should shred the old one.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The McMinn County Board of Education will meet in regular session at 5:30 p.m. today at the Center for Educational Excellence on Hill Street in Athens.

✓ The National Association of Letter Carriers will hold their 26th Annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive this Saturday. You are asked to place a bag of non-perishable food at your mailbox for your letter carrier to pick up. The food will be donated to local food banks.

✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library will offer a free computer class about Internet Privacy and Security at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 19th. Call the library at 263-9475 to register.

National & World News

◆ In a gesture that appeared to set the stage for a landmark summit between President Trump and Kim Jong Un, North Korea released three American prisoners into the custody of Secretary of State Mike Pompeo during his visit on Wednesday.

◆ A teacher and 17 high school students were injured during a science experiment in a chemistry lab at Merrol Hyde Magnet School in Hendersonville, Tennessee. The fumes were so great, administrators had to evacuate the rest of the school.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens City Council holds its monthly meeting next Tuesday at 6 p.m. Among the items on the agenda are proposals for 2% pay raises for all city employees and an additional 5% raise for City Manager C. Seth Sumner. Council members recommended those raises at last week's Study Session. The additional 5% raise for Sumner was recommended following a very positive evaluation of his performance. The council will also vote on a recommendation to hire an I.T. director.

✓ A "Schools Out! Summer Discovery" event will be held this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Market Park Pavilion. The event helps families "discover" all the many activities and programs being offered this summer in McMinn County. There will be inflatables and door prizes. The event is led by McMinn Living Well coalition.





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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

• Helen Grace Malmquist Kettenbeil, age 91, of Athens, died Sunday at her home. She was a native of Michigan and a longtime resident of McMinn County. She taught in the Etowah City School System. She was honored by the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce as Mother of the Year in 1999. A Celebration of Life service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mars Hill Presbyterian Church, with visitation from Noon to 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.

• Lewis Martin Talmadge died on April 16th. He retired from the Army as a Chief Warrant Officer with 25 years of service. A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Wednesday, May 16th, at 11 a.m.

• Jerry Lee Dover, age 77, of Riceville, died Tuesday at his home. He recently retired as the Electric Operations Manager for the City of Oak Ridge. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Smith Funeral home with visitation from noon to 2 p.m.

• Laura Mae Williams Huckabey, age 84, of Athens, died Tuesday. She was retired from the U.T. Extension Service. Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the South Liberty Church of Christ with visitation on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE: ✓ The new weekly radio program entitled, "Hope from the Well," can be heard Thursday mornings at 8:15 on WYXI Radio, AM-1390, FM 94.5 & <u>ONLINE</u>. Robin Nation's guest today will be Ishah Justice, a graduate and intern at Women at the Well speaking about an upcoming mission trip to Guatemala.

April Home Sales in McMinn

Tennessee Valley Appraisal Services reports thee were 46 sales of single family homes in McMinn County in April. A sampling of them is listed below:

County Rd 38, Riceville -\$320,000 County Rd 444, Athens -\$249,900 Crestway Dr., Athens -\$225,000 Highway 39 W, Athens -\$205,000 County Rd 304, Sweetwater - \$179,900 \$177,000 Athenian St., Athens -County Rd 892, Etowah -\$176,100 Hillandale Dr., Athens -\$175,500 Lark St., Athens -\$172,900 Smith Ct., Etowah -\$168,400 County Rd 587, Englewood - \$155,000 Towanda Trail, Athens -\$155,000 County Rd 456, Athens -\$140,000 County Rd 527, Etowah -\$140,000 Tennessee Ave., Athens -\$133,000 County Rd 445, Athens -\$130,000 Palos Street, Athens -\$120,000 County Rd 522, Etowah -\$120,000 Astrid St., Athens -\$119,000 Tennessee Ave., Etowah -\$117,000 Mount Verd Rd., Athens -\$114,000 Ingleside Ave., Athens -\$114,000 Highway 411 N, Englewood -\$109,000

