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Local & Area News

McMINN CHRISTIANS CALLED TO PRAY

In response to a ritual planned by a group of Druids at Market Park Pavilion this Saturday, a group of McMinn County Christians is planning a prayer service at the same time on the steps of the nearby McMinn County Courthouse. Pastor Jason Robertson from East Athens Baptist church came up with the idea for the prayer service. Several other churches are planning to participate. A letter e-mailed to local news media calls on Christians to gather at 2:30 p.m. Saturday on the Courthouse steps in peaceful unity and prayer in the Name of the Lord. The letter says "this is a spiritual battle, and believers must stand together in unity and pray for protection, and for our God, the one and only God, to drive out any and all evil influences that attempt to penetrate out community, our families, and our children." The letter goes on to say "there is great and awesome power that is unleashed in the heavenlies when the Mighty Name of Jesus is proclaimed."

A group calling themselves, *The Wayist Druidic order*, has rented the Market Park Pavilion from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday to host a Samhain Ritual. It will be hosted by Angela Wilson of Athens, who is an Archdruid. Wilson says it will be the first ever druid ritual to be held in public in the U.S. The group applied for a permit from the city and purchased liability insurance. Due to federal law and federal funds being used to build the park, the City of Athens must rent the Pavilion to the group.

National & World News

◆ According to the information and evidence gathered, Turkish President Recep Erdogan stated that the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, a columnist for the Washington Post, was savagely planned by the Saudis.

• U.S. national security adviser John Bolton, who is in Moscow meeting with Russian officials, told them on Tuesday that America plans to withdraw from a historic nuclear arms treaty, the INF (Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces). The treaty bans the U.S. and Russia from deploying all ground-launched nuclear and conventional missiles with ranges of 300 - 3,420 miles. President Trump says that Russia is in violation of the treaty which was signed in 1987 by President Ronald Reagan and the Soviet Union's leader, Mikhail Gorbachev.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Registration for the Athens Parks Department's 2018-19 FUNdamental Basketball League ends this Friday. The league is for boys and girls ranging in age from kindergarten through 8th grade. The cost is \$75. To register, call 744-2704.

✓ The guest on "Hope from the Well," the weekly radio program from Women at the Well this Thursday will be Brittany Hunt, a student at Women at the Well. Hope from the Well is heard at 8:15 a.m. each Thursday on WYXI Radio FM 94.5, AM 1390 and **ONLINE**



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OBITUARIES

• Mary Ellen Kinser, age 85, of Longmont, Colorado, and formerly of Englewood, died October 14th in Colorado. A graveside service will be held this Saturday at 11 a.m. at Sunrise Cemetery in Englewood. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

• Judy Gail Monroe, age 68. of Athens, died last Friday at Life Care Center of Athens. At her request, there will be no formal services at this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

• Nancy Davis Anderson, of Chicago, and formerly of Athens, died Monday. Arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral and Cremation Services.

• Clara Elizabeth Caruthers, age 77, of Athens, died Monday. Clara was an employee of Choate Printing Company for 42 years. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

• Lloyd "Doc" Kimbrough, Jr., age 75, of Riceville, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center. He was an agent with the Woodmen of the World Insurance. Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p.m. Thursday at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. prior to the service.

MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Calling all North City School alumni. A day of sharing memories will be held this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at North City School. Alumni, students and families, neighbors, and friends are invited to come celebrate more than 90 years of history. There will be food trucks, free Mayfield Ice Cream, fellowship, memorabilia, stories, Music, and more.

Antique Fire Truck On Display

The park that replaced the old Etowah Fire Department building on 8th Street has been completed. The pavilion is graced by the 1939 American-LaFrance Chevrolet pumper truck.



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