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Local & Area News

♦ CHRISTIANS PRAY DURING DRUID RITUALS

Approximately 125 Christians gathered on the steps of the McMinn County Courthouse Saturday afternoon to ask the One true God to protect Athens and drive out evil influences while a block away about the same number of people (not counting the curious) attended a Druid ritual. Archdruid Angela Wilson opened the ceremony by praying to the goddesses of Venus and Athena and to Lady Liberty. The photo below shows some of the Christians praying in front of the courthouse. The photos to the right show Archdruid Wilson and two people in Druid outfits.



National News

◆ The suspected gunman behind Saturday's shooting in a Pittsburgh synagogue, which left 11 people dead and six more injured, has been formally charged. Robert Bowers, 46, was charged with 29 federal counts of crimes of violence and firearms offenses after authorities say he carried out an anti-Semitic attack on Shabbat, the Jewish Sabbath. The bloody attack brought swift condemnation from President Trump and other leaders.

♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ You're invited to grab your costume and join E.G. Fisher Public Library for Trick-or-Treat through the Wetlands, Tuesday, Oct. 30th, at 4:30 p.m. Children of all ages are invited to explore the Wetlands as they gather treats from library volunteers. Peanutfree trick-or-treat stations will be available and clearly marked.





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Obituaries

• Redia Charlene Eaves Applebee, age 57, of Athens, died Friday. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at McMinn Memory Gardens. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The guest on the next weekly Athens Area Chamber of Commerce radio show, "Chamber Chat," will be Skylar Dean, president of the Downtown Business Association. You can hear Chamber Chat each Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio AM-1390 & FM-94.5 or ONLINE.

FOOTBALL SCORES: McMinn County High School ended the season with a 20-19 loss to Cleveland. Meigs County beat Wartburg, 39-6. In a Thursday night game, McMinn Central lost to Brainerd, 35-25. The Big Orange lost to South Carolina, 27-24.

An Optimistic Day in Georgia

Several members of the Athens Optimist Club were in Peachtree City, Georgia, over the weekend to attend a district meeting. The photo shows, left to right, Athens Optimists Alex Mora and Diane Frank, International President Rebecca Butler Mona, Tennessee/Georgia Governor Gwen Gable, and Athens Optimist Richard Newman.





