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Local & Area News

MORE DETAILS ON PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

More details have been released about President Trump's visit to Chattanooga. The president will hold a rally at McKenzie Arena on the UTC campus at 7 p.m. this Sunday. Tickets to the rally are free, and are on a first-come, first-served basis. You can order tickets by clicking here.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

The Etowah Street of Treats will be today from 4 to 6 p.m. Downtown businesses will pass out candy and local churches will be giving away candy on the Depot Lawn. The event is sponsored by the Etowah Chamber of Commerce.

✓ The United Way campaign for 2019 is nearing the halfway point. The goal is \$710,000. The gifts and pledges currently total \$345,000.

✓ The Etowah Arts Commission announces the 27th annual Young Authors' Conference will be held this Saturday, November 3rd, at Mountain View Elementary School from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. The guest authors include Carol Buckley, Nancy Kelly Allen, Patsi Trollinger, and Brooks Benjamin.

National & World News

◆ Amid protests, President Trump and first lady, Melania, along with the president's son-in-law Jared Kushner and daughter Ivanka Trump, visited Pittsburgh's Tree of Life synagogue Tuesday afternoon in the wake of the massacre at the house of worship this weekend that left 11 people dead. The president and first lady also visited the victims of the shooting at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

◆ The U.S. military is preparing to send an additional 5,200 troops to the nation's southern border ahead of a migrant caravan travelling towards the region. The caravan is reportedly moving about 25 miles per day and must travel around 1,000 miles to reach the nearest U.S. border crossing at McAllen, Texas.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

The guest on "Hope from the Well," the weekly radio program \checkmark from Women at the Well this Thursday will be Kay Woods, 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

• James Howard (Jimmie) Hornsby, age 93, of Decatur, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center. He was a farmer and past president of the Meigs County Farm Bureau. He was a waist gunner on a B24 during World War II. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Decatur United Methodist Church, with visitation from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.



• Ben Oliver Browder, age 72, of Decatur, died last Thursday. He worked at Ace Hardware in Decatur and had been an announcer on WYXI RADIO in the late 1960's. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday at Bowers Funeral Home. The family will receive friends following the memorial service in the visitation room at Bowers.

• **Reva Lou Riggs Barton**, age 88, of Athens, died Tuesday at her residence. She was retired from Athens Products. She will be laid to rest with her husband at Cedar Grove Cemetery during a ceremony for her immediate family. There will be no formal visitation. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

• **Robert Wayne Ratledge**, age 76, of Niota, died Saturday. He worked for TVA in construction and retired as a welder from Johnson Controls. Funeral services were held Tuesday night. Interment will be in Mount Pisgah Baptist Church Cemetery Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Kyker Funeral Home is in charge.

• **Ralph M. Ratledge,** age 79, of Niota, died Monday at Parkwest. He was retired from the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local Union. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

Etowah Native Donates Books

The Friends of the Etowah Carnegie Library recently hosted Certified Wildlife Ecologist and Etowah native Ken Johnson for a slideshow presentation and book signing at The Gem Theater. His presentation featured his research experiences with wildlife all over the world and reflections on humanity. The photo shows Johnson donating his books to the Etowah Library. Left to right; Ken Johnson, Courtney Cline (programming Coordinator), and Lara Crockett (Library Director). (Photo from Etowah Library)



