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Today's News...This Morning

(Feel free to copy, post or otherwise distribute) (Phone: 746-1390 Fax: 744-1390 e-mail: wyxi@bellsouth.net) Dr. Dick Pelley asks for your vote in support of the sales tax.

Paid for by Dr. Dick Pelley

Monday, August 19, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

Day of Caring

The United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties held the annual



Day of Caring last Thursday. More than 350 people took part in doing volunteer work at the United Way partner agencies. The 2020 United Way campaign also kicked-off. The goal is \$720,000. Joyce Snyder and Jordan Curtis are the campaign co-chairs. The photos show the volunteers at the kick-off breakfast and Ashley Hall from CapStar Bank doing some painting at the YMCA.

(Photos from Stephanie Linkous)



Local and Area News

◆ CHILD SUFERS DOG BITE

A 7-month-old Athens child is hospitalized after being bitten by the family dog. Police were dispatched to a residence on Eastanallee Avenue on Friday where they were advised that a family member was babysitting the child and was lying on a bed with the family dog, a mixed breed pit bull type dog. The dog was playing with a toy. When the child crawled to the dog and attempted to touch the dog's toy, the dog latched onto the child's head. The family member kicked the dog repeatedly, in order to free the child. The child was taken to Starr Regional and then transported to a another hospital for treatment. Athens Animal Control took the dog into custody. The Department of Children and Family Services is investigating the circumstances surrounding the incident.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ The UT Extension Office in McMinn County and Starr Regional Medical Center will offer Dining with Diabetes classes on Tuesdays during September. To register, call 745-2852.

✓ LISTENING REMINDER: The guest on the Main Street Athens radio show, "Main Street Moments," this week will be Jessica O'Bringer with Happy Hounds. You can hear the program each Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, FM 94.5 and AM 1390 or ONLINE



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Obituaries

- Gail Deanna Duggan Hester, age 75, of Athens, died Saturday. She had retired from Walmart after 20 years. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- Billy Benton "Bill" Stewart, age 88, of Athens, died Saturday at Starr Regional. He retired from BellSouth in 1988 and later worked for Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. He served in the U. S. Army during the Korean War. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday.
- Vivian Griswold Blanton died Sunday at a hospital in Sarasota, Florida. She and her husband, Bob, were former residents of Athens. Funeral arrangements have not yet been announced.
- Geneva Marie Tallent, 90, of Etowah, died Thursday. Funeral services were held last Friday at Bordwine Funeral Home.
- Tammy (Kietzke) Levy, age 55, of Athens, died on August 8th. There will be no formal services in honor of her wishes. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.
- Carolene Thompson, age 83, of Etowah, died Thursday. Graveside services were held Sunday. Bordwine Funeral Home was in charge.

♦ WINDER RESCUES DRIVER

Athens attorney Trey Winder pulled the driver and two pets from their 2004 Audi when it left the roadway, struck a tree, and began smoking on



Highway 39E at County Rd 468 last Thursday morning. The driver was transported to Starr Regional Etowah. The Englewood and Etowah Rural Fire Departments responded. (Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)

Senator Blackburn Visits

U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn visited McMinn and Meigs counties last week. The Senator toured Crescent Hosiery in Niota and also spoke with elected officials and the leadership at Resolute

Forest Products in Cal-She houn. also met with elected officials in Meigs County to discuss rural health care and economic development. The photo shows Senator Blackburn Crescent Hosiery, with Rep. State Mark Cochon her



left and Heather Lingerfelt with Crescent on her right.
(Facebook Photo)



