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Friday, March 12, 2021

Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

✓ The playground at Cook Park will be closed to the public until further notice. The closure is due to damage that occurred on Wednesday caused by an automobile incident. The Parks Department says the closed area is fenced and marked with "area closed" signs. The area is unsafe to enter due to structural issues and citizens must stay outside the fenced areas for their own safety. The remainder of the park remains open. Parks Director Austin Fesmire says this will be an extended closure while they go through the process of certifying the condition of the equipment to make sure it is safe.

✓ Main Street Athens and the Athens Arts Council are teaming up to hold a "Street Fair" in Downtown Athens on Friday, April 30th. They are hoping this will be the first in a series of "Fifth Friday" events. More details to come.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Thursday 3-11

Tennessee: 788,109 cases, up 1,512. 11,623 deaths, up 17.

| COUNTY | CASES | RECOVERED | ACTIVE | DEATHS |
|---------|--------------|-----------|--------|----------|
| McMinn | 6,003 up 9 | 5,819 | 91 | 93 |
| Meigs | 1,279 up 3 | 1,238 | 18 | 23 |
| Monroe | 5,432 up 6 | 5,231 | 109 | 92 |
| Polk | 1,816 up 3 | 1,739 | 53 | 24 up 1 |
| Bradley | 13,257 up 47 | 12,741 | 374 | 142 up 1 |
| Rhea | 4,184 up 6 | 4,060 | 51 | 73 |

Remembering the Blizzard!

March 13th, marks the 28th anniversary of the "Blizzard of '93." About 19 inches of snow fell overnight on March 13th, 1993. Roads were impassible, people were stranded in their homes for several days, and electricity was out for up to a week for some residents in the Athens area. The weight of the snow destroyed several barns and chicken houses. All this happened in the days before cellphone cameras and Facebook. Cable TV was completely dead and many telephones were offline. The only major source of information came from battery operated radios listing to WYXI, WJSQ, and WLAR, which simulcast news coverage of road conditions, power outages, emergency rescue efforts, information about shelter, and live phone calls from citizens describing their situation. The National Guard was activated to help rescue people who were stranded in their homes. The photo below gives some idea of the amount of snow that fell.



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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Mary Sue Eaton**, age 80, of McMinn County, died Tuesday. She enjoyed singing with several gospel groups. Funeral services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens, with visitation from noon until 1 p.m.

NOMINATIONS FOR MOTHER OF THE YEAR

Nominations are now being accepted by the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce for McMinn County's "2020 Mother of the Year." Nomination forms and award guidelines may be obtained at the Chamber office, 13 N. Jackson Street, in Athens. The deadline for nominations is March 29th.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT:

Equity markets finished broadly higher on Thursday, with major indexes hitting fresh record highs as President Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief bill. The 10-year yield was little changed, having retraced near the 1.50% level in the last couple of days. At the closing bell the Dow Jones Industrials: 32,485.59 +188.57; NASDAQ: 13,398.67 +329.84; S&P 500: 3,939.34 +40.53.

Church News & Events

- If you or someone you know is battling addiction, struggling with anger, or other life issues, Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Call: 423-435-8986

- Englewood Church of God, #9 Church Street, is having a Free Prom Closet for McMinn County students today and tomorrow. The hours Friday are 6 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday from noon to 7 p.m.

- A reminder to those of you who placed orders for items in the Cedar Springs Methodist Church Spring Bake Sale, you need to pick up your purchases on Saturday, March 27th, between 8 and noon. Cedar Springs Methodist Church is located at 1326 Cedar Springs Road.

- East Athens Baptist Church will have special Holy Week services starting on Sunday, March 28th, at 10:45 a.m. when the Young Musicians' Choir sings and the Sanctuary Choir, along with Joe Nelson, will sing, "Listen to the Hammer Ring." On Easter Sunday, the Sanctuary Choir will perform "Living Hope."

- The Morrison Sisters from Resaca, Georgia, will be at Solid Rock Baptist Church in Calhoun on March 14th at 6 p.m.

- Jones Chapel UMC, 590 County Road 778, invites you to "Celebrate Recovery" Sunday nights from 6 to 8 p.m., with worship, groups, and a to-go meal. Groups are for anyone dealing with hang-ups, hurts, life challenges and loss.



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