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Friday, January 14, 2022

Athens, Tennessee

Remembering Dr. King

Monday, January 17th, is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. The NAACP has advised local organizations to refrain from group gatherings as the Omicron COVID cases continue to spike. Therefore, the Athens Area Ministerial Association will be offering an online service again this year. The service will be streamed from the Athens Area Ministerial Association's Facebook page, which is available to anyone at: <https://www.facebook.com/Athens-Area-Ministerial-Association-112839480456757>

Rev. Dr. Charles Ensminger, pastor of Allen Memorial United Methodist Church, will offer the message. Brother and Sister Felix McCullough and Marsenia Smith will provide the music. The service will be live-streamed from St. Mark AME Zion Church, where Rev. Roxianne Sherles serves as pastor. The service starts at 12 noon. It will also be recorded and archived on the Ministerial Association's Facebook page for sharing and later viewing.

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, E.G. Fisher Public Library will be hosting a family-friendly scavenger hunt around the library. All ages are welcome. There will be an easy scavenger hunt for the kids and a more difficult one for the teens and adults. The scavenger hunt will lead you around the library looking for clues and answers relating to Martin Luther King, Jr. Complete the scavenger hunt and win a prize. Come by any time from 9:30 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. to complete the hunt.

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum presents the Fontaine's Program at 11 a.m. this Saturday, January 15th. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors and students.
- ✓ The annual Tennessee Sandhill Crane Festival takes place this weekend at the Hiwassee Refuge and the Birchwood Community Center. Due to COVID, there will only be two short presentations by the American Eagle Foundation each day. There will be limited vendors and food service available Saturday and Sunday at 7 a.m. The main focus of this year's festival is simply enjoying the sand hill cranes and spending time outdoors.
- ✓ The McMinn County Commission holds its monthly meeting on Monday, January 17th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse.
- ✓ The McMinn County Election Commission will meet in regular session next Tuesday, January 18th, in the Conference Room of the McMinn Courthouse. The meeting starts at 5 p.m.
- ✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce announces that the 76th Annual Chamber Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21st, at The Barn at Faith Farms. Call 745-0334 for more information.
- ✓ The state legislature is proposing to redraw the 3rd Congressional District to include all of Bradley County and only the bottom portion of Scott County. The district currently stretches from the Georgia line north to the Kentucky line.

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Friday: Times of clouds & sun.
High 46.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy.
Low 32.

Saturday: Cloudy. Possible rain
in p.m. High 44.

Sat Night: Periods of snow, rain
mixed in early p.m. Low 34.

Sunday: Colder, possible snow.
High 34.

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Obituaries

♦ **Martha "Frances" Bowers Coleman**, age 83, of Etowah, died Thursday. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from noon to 2 p.m. prior to the service. Interment will follow in Mars Hill Cemetery.

♦ **Louis F. Salazar**, age 82, of Decatur, died Wednesday. He was a retired block mason. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Decatur Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the service.

♦ **Helga Maher**, age 8r, of Etowah, died Thursday. Graveside services will be at 12 p.m., Wednesday in Coghill Cemetery. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

CRACKER BARREL ORDERED TO PAY MILLIONS

A jury in Marion County has ordered the Cracker Barrel restaurant chain to pay a man millions of dollars after it ruled the company was at fault when the customer was served something besides the glass of water he had ordered. William Cronnon says he was served what he thought was a glass of water while eating lunch at a Cracker Barrel in Marion County in 2014. The glass actually contained a cleaning chemical known as Eco-San. The ingestion caused serious physical injuries to Cronnon, burning his mouth and esophagus. The original lawsuit asked Cracker Barrel to pay Cronnon \$150,000 in damages. But the jury wound up awarding him \$3.6 million in non-economic damages and \$570,000 in economic damages.

Church News & Events

- Everyone is invited to a Martin Luther King, Jr., "Day of Unity" service that will be held at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church in Etowah on Monday, January 17th. Pastor Kevin Harris will be the guest speaker. The service is sponsored by the Etowah Christian Ministerial Association.

- Help! I've fallen! You've stepped off a curb and twisted your ankle. These things usually happen when we least expect it. Do you need crutches, a wheelchair, a rollator, or a walker? Mars Hill Presbyterian Church has a supply of these and other medical items that they are willing to let you borrow. Call the church office at 745-1403 Tuesday-Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. for further information.

- Celebrate Recovery meets every Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Englewood Church of God. Everyone is welcome.

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

- Jones Chapel United Methodist Church offers Celebrate Recovery every Sunday night from 6 to 8 p.m., with worship, groups, and a to-go meal.

- **NOTE:** If your church has events or activities you would like us to publish in this Friday morning column, just email us at wysi@bellsouth.net. We will print the items at no charge.

TODAY IN HISTORY - JAN 14th

1741 - Benedict Arnold, the American Revolutionary War general and traitor, was born. Arnold was in command of West Point in 1780 and devised a scheme to surrender the fort to the British. The plan was exposed before it could take place. Arnold escaped to New York City, where he became a general in the British army.

1914 - Henry Ford began the assembly-line method of building cars on this date. The first car to roll off the line was the famous "Model T" Ford.

1938 - Singer Jack Jones was born. Among his hit records: "Dear Heart" and "Lollipops and Roses."

1954 - Marilyn Monroe married baseball great, Joe DiMaggio. The marriage lasted nine months. After her death (in 1962), DiMaggio had red roses delivered to her crypt two to three times a week for some twenty years.

2008 - Republican Bobby Jindal, the first elected Indian-American governor in the United States, took office in Louisiana.



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