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Athens, Tennessee

EmiSunshine's Manager Injured

The tour manager for singer EmiSunshine of Madisonville has been severely injured in a traffic accident. John "Bones" Antus was rear-ended when he stopped at a red light in Knoxville. He suffered fractured ribs and bleeding on the brain. Antus has been working with Emi for about five years and is on the bus traveling with the band for every event. He was also very close to the family and was even present for their family holidays. He says he is hoping to get back to work soon.

(Photo courtesy of John Antus)

Wreck Knocks Out Power for Hours

A traffic accident on Wednesday on Highway 58 North knocked out electric power for 2,400 Volunteer Energy customers. It took several hours for crews to restore all the customers.

(Photo from Volunteer Energy)



SCHOOL BOARD REMOVES HOLOCAUST BOOK

The McMinn County Board of Education has voted unanimously to remove a book about the holocaust from the school curriculum. The vote was held during a called meeting on January 10th. Board members said the graphic novel called "Maus" by Art Spiegelman has inappropriate language and graphic depictions. After discussing options like redacting portions of the book if given by permission by the author or replacing the book with another book about the holocaust, board members decided to remove the book altogether. In 1992, "Maus" became the first graphic novel to win a Pulitzer Prize. School board members said the book was not removed because it dealt with the holocaust, but because of the graphic language in the book.



RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



NEW: Hand Breaded Chicken Sandwich \$3.99
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WEATHER FORECAST

Friday - Cloudy with a 140%
frozen mix. High 40°
Friday Night - Mostly cloudy
and very cold. Low 18°
Saturday - Sunny. High 32°
with clear skies at night & 19°
Sunday - Sunny & 47° with
clear skies at night & 25°
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Obituaries

♦ **Martha Jean Collins Presswood**, age 81, of Athens, died Wednesday at Fort Sanders Medical Center in Knoxville. She retired from the Bank of Niotra where she was a teller. There will be no formal visitation or funeral services at this time. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Donna "Carol" Barker**, age 79, of Athens, died Wednesday, January 26th. She was a hairdresser for 50 years. A graveside service will take place at Green Hill Cemetery on Friday, January 28th, at 4 p.m. Good Samaritan Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of the arrangements.

♦ **Jessie "Mitchell" Miller**, age 70, of Decatur, died Thursday at Parkridge East Hospital. He was a 1970 graduate of McMinn County High School and served in the National Guard. Mitchell retired from Astec Industries in 2021 with 35 years of service. A funeral service will be Saturday at 7 p.m. at Decatur Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the service.

♦ **Karen Sue Jerome**, age 72, of Athens, died Thursday at her residence. She was a native of Syracuse and resided in McMinn County for the 10 years. She served as an LPN for the State of New York for many years. Karen requested no services at the time of her death. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Stocks gave up early gains and finished the day lower. A release showed that U.S. GDP grew 6.9% in the fourth quarter, closing out a strong year for economic growth. At the close: DJIA 34,160.78 (-7.31); S&P 500 4,326.51 (-23.42); NASDAQ 13,352.78 (-189.34).

Church News & Events

- Keith Memorial United Methodist Church will have a warming center open each night through the weekend.

- The music at the Cooke Ministry Center tonight at 7 p.m. will feature Gary Wingham. The center is located at 714 Walter Street in Athens.

- 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 from 4:45 to 6 p.m., with worship, groups, and a to-go meal.

- The 2x2 Quartet will be singing at Lakeview Baptist Church on Sunday, January 30th, at 10:45 a.m. The church is located at 183 County Road 126 next to Dynasty Spas.

Thank you McMinn County School Board!

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