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Friday, March 11, 2022

Athens, Tennessee

Agriculture Dept. Closes Store

The Piggly Wiggly Grocery Store in Decatur has been temporarily closed by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture due to a rodent infestation. A shopper filed a complaint on February 22nd with the TDA and a supervisor inspected the store the next day. While the inspector was there, rodent activity was observed and as a result, a short-term plan to keep the store open was discussed between the Tennessee Department of Agriculture and the Piggly Wiggly owner and managers. The plan said that affected food items would have to be removed from the store. Also, cleaning and sanitizing parts of the store would be required. A follow-up visit by the inspector was done on Monday, March 7th and the TDA found that rodent activity was still present. At that point a Notice of Closure was issued. The owner must now submit a corrective action plan on taking care of the rodents. Once the plan is approved by the TDA, a timeline to reopen the store will be put in place. The store may be subject to financial penalties if it fails to comply.

A company in Lewisburg, *Tennessee Technical Coatings Corp.*, is voluntarily recalling 1-gallon containers of hand sanitizer that were sold between April 2020 and August 2020. The Food and Drug Administration found that the product contained methanol, which could cause headache, blurred vision, coma, seizures, permanent blindness, damage to the central nervous system or death.

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ Join April Greer at the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum Saturday, March 12th at 11 a.m. for a chair caning event.
- ✓ The City of Athens Parks and Recreation Department is looking for volunteer summer interns to help with youth sports camps. Basketball, baseball, tennis, and soccer camps will be offered and experience in the sport is necessary. Applications can be found online at Athenstn.gov/parks and further questions can be directed to Brianna Baker at bbaker@athenstn.gov.
- ✓ The McMinn County Election Commission will meet in regular session, Tuesday, March 15th at 5 p.m. in the conference room of the McMinn County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting will be to conduct any election business to legally come before the board.
- ✓ Etowah Carnegie Library board meeting will be Monday, March 14th at 5 p.m. The Friends of the Etowah Carnegie Library board meeting will be Tuesday, March 15th at 5:30 p.m. The Public is invited to attend these meetings.
- ✓ An Athens Bicentennial Celebration will take place on Friday, March 18th from 1 to 7 p.m. at the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum. This will be a day of history plus special exhibits and activities on all three levels. The event is free to the public.

RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT

Bojangles'
 NEW: Hand Breaded Chicken Sandwich \$3.99
 Steak Biscuits 2 / \$5 • 32 oz Tea \$1
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The Trading Post

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Ronald Owen Pickett**, age 80, of Etowah, TN, died Wednesday. Arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT:

Equities finished lower. After U.S. stocks logged their best daily gain on Wednesday, since June of 2020, the mood shifted back toward caution on Thursday. Growth investments lagged value as interest rates remained a headwind to areas like technology stocks. Consumer prices show inflation remains at a 40-year high. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 112.18 to 33,174.07. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 18.36 to 4,259.52, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 125.58 to 13,129.96.

TODAY IN HISTORY - MARCH 11th

1930 - William Howard Taft became the first President to be buried in the National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

1950 - Singer Bobby McFerrin was born. His biggest hit was "Don't Worry, Be Happy."

1993 - North Korea withdrew from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

2004 - Ten bombs exploded in quick succession across the commuter rail network in Madrid, Spain, killing 191 people and wounding more than 2,000 in an attack linked to al-Qaida-inspired militants.

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, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

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

- St. Paul's Table Graces Food Pantry will be closed Wednesday, March 16th. They will re-open on March 23rd. St. Paul's Episcopal Church is located at 123 S. Jackson Street, Athens.

- 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.

- Chosen Generation Ministries will host their 1st Annual Women's Day on March 13th at 1:30 p.m. as they celebrate "Strong Women". Everyone is invited to join them at the historical First United Presbyterian Church. There will be special performances and speakers for the day.

- Glorybound Church in Madisonville will have The Carter's singing in the Evening service Sunday night, March 13th at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

- The Miss Mattie Music Ministry will be at the United in Faith Center Gospel Singing at 2911 Congress Parkway, South Saturday, March 12th at 7 p.m. A free meal will be served.

- The Kingsmen will be in concert on Friday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Solid Rock Baptist Church in Calhoun. Everyone is welcome. The Pastor is Scott Martin. Details: 423-716-0271.

- Wetmore Baptist Church in Delano will have a blood drive conducted by Blood Assurance on April 9th from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.



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NOW HIRING LIFEGUARDS FOR ETOWAH CITY POOL

Come work at the City of Etowah! We are excited to begin our second season in our Parks and Recreation Department with our new community pool and pool facility. We are looking to hire experienced or trainable and certifiable Lifeguards to help maintain the safety and well-being of our guest at our new swimming facility. If you're hard-working and dedicated, Etowah is an ideal place to get ahead. Apply today!

All training, certification, and transportation for training will be paid by the City of Etowah and our pool opening is scheduled for Saturday, May 28, 2022 and the season will last until Labor Day Monday, September 5. Our lifeguard hourly rate will range from \$9.00 per hour. Don't wait, come join us at the City of Etowah!!



Applications are available on website:
www.cityofetowahtn.com. EOE