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- ✓ Starr Regional Medical Center is now offering 3D mammography services at the Starr Regional Breast Center. The advanced technology captures images from multiple angles to ensure a more complete and accurate scan which allows for earlier and more effective detection of breast cancer and helps reduce the number of return visits caused by false positives.
- ✓ The McMinn County Library Board will hold a meeting on Monday, March 28th at 6 p.m. at E.G. Fisher Public Library. This meeting is open to the public.
- ✓ The U.T. Extension Office in McMinn County and Starr Regional Medical Center Diabetes Center will be offering Dining with Diabetes classes on Tuesday April 5, 19 and 26 from 10 a.m. to noon or 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Classes will be held at the U.T. Extension Office at 2345 Denso Drive in Athens. This is open to anyone with diabetes, family members of diabetics or anyone at risk for diabetes at no cost.

Brush Fire Gets Out of Hand

A man was burning brush on Monday (3-21) around 12:30 p.m. on County Road 560 near Athens. The fire got out of control and burned 3 acres of brush and kudzu. Several fire departments responded: Englewood Rural, Athens City, Athens Rural, Riceville Rural and the Tennessee Division of Forestry with Athens City Police assisting with traffic control. Englewood Rural Fire Chief Billy Roach was in command of the scene. Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department.



THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT:

Markets closed sharply higher. The S&P was up over 1.0%. Oil prices moved lower, with WTI crude oil down around -3.0%. Bond yields resumed their climb higher, as the U.S. 10-year yield was up to 2.35%. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 349.44 to 34,707.94. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 63.92 to 4,520.16, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 269.23 to 14,191.84.

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TODAY IN HISTORY - MARCH 25th

- 1634 - Maryland was founded by English colonists sent by the second Lord Baltimore.
- 1947 - Singer Elton John was born.
- 1954 - The Radio Corporation of America (RCA) began commercial production of television sets which could receive programs in color.
- 1965 - The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. led 25,000 marchers to the state capitol in Montgomery, Alabama, to protest the denial of voting rights to blacks.

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WEATHER FORECAST
Friday: Mostly cloudy & cooler. Possible t'storms. High 56.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy. Low 38.
Saturday: Partly sunny & cool. High 55.
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Sunday: Partly sunny. Low 55.
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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **James Tucker Swafford**, age 16, of Athens, passed away Monday at his residence. He was a sophomore at McMinn County High School. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and golfing. A Celebration of Life service will be at 4 p.m., Saturday at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m. prior to the service.

♦ **Opal Louise Bryant Harper**, age 83, of Athens, died Friday, March 11th at Starr Regional Medical Center. She worked at Davidson Textron for many years until her retirement. There will be no funeral or graveside services. A memorial will be held at a later date.

♦ **Allen Jay Alexander**, age 89, of Riceville, died Saturday at his residence. He was a native of Watertown, N.Y. and longtime resident of McMinn County. He was an active member of the U.S. Air Force as a Staff Sergeant and transitioned to the National Reserve from 1954-1958. He was a retired Volunteer Fireman for Riceville Fire Department and was a retired staff member from Cleveland State Community College. He was an Ordained Minister and served in various churches in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee for 60 years. Memorial services will be at 6 p.m. Friday, March 25th at the Athens Christian Church with visitation from 5 to 6 p.m. at the church prior to the service. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Velma Charlotte Melton Smith**, age 92, of Athens, died Thursday at Morning Pointe of Athens. She was associated with AT&T, retiring after 32 years as an operator. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m., Sunday at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home prior to the service. Interment will follow in Eastanallee Cemetery.

♦ **Janice McKenzie Lyke**, age 65, of Lenoir City, died Tuesday at U.T. Medical Center in Knoxville. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, April 2 at Decatur Funeral Home with visitation from 12 to 2 p.m. prior to the service.

Church News & Events

- There will be a special benefit singing for Kinslee Shaver, the granddaughter of Rev. Travis Shaver on April 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Bethsadia Baptist Church, Cottonport Ridge Rd in Decatur. Special singers will be Danny and Patsy Carter and The Jerry Ingram Singers. Contact Wayne Brown at 423-368-0798 for info.

- St. Paul's Episcopal Church is hosting a blood drive with Medic Regional Blood Center on Sunday, March 27th from 9am - 3pm.

- The last Traveling Revival will be held tonight at Union Hill Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Food will be served at 6 p.m.

- 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.

- The Prom Shop at Christ Community Church will have available prom formal wear for any girl or guy to wear at no cost to attend their prom. Come by the Prom Shop located at 14 S. Congress Parkway, Athens, tomorrow, March 26th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to choose your preferred formal wear.

- 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.



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