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Community News You Can Use

- ✓ Vanessa Hardaway will be at the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum on Saturday, July 30th from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for a book signing. Vanessa is the author of "The Kinder Chronicles, Big Life Lessons from Tiny Plastic Chairs" and is currently a kindergarten teacher in Cumberland County School District in Fayetteville, NC. She is a native of Athens.
- ✓ Crystal Elm will be singing tonight at the Cooke Ministry Center beginning at 7 p.m.
- ✓ There will be a gospel singing Saturday evening at 7 p.m. at United in Faith Ministry located at 2911 Congress Parkway South. A free meal will be served.
- ✓ The Battle of Athens Commemoration Festival will begin at 4 p.m. Saturday at Market Park in Athens and continue until 9 p.m. There will be vendors and food trucks. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MAN DEAD...OFFICER WOUNDED A man is dead and an Etowah Police officer is recovering from minor injuries after a nearly six-hour standoff last Friday after officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 600 block of Georgia Avenue in Etowah around 7:30 p.m. where an armed man was assaulting a woman. The woman was removed from danger and the armed man retreated into the residence leading to a standoff with several law enforcement agencies. According to police, the armed subject emerged from the residence around 1 a.m. and officers attempted to take him into custody when he retreated back into the residence again and began firing his weapon. An Etowah police officer was shot but sustained only minor injuries. The suspect was found dead of a self-inflicted gun shot wound.

Tennessee Sales Tax Holiday

✓ The state of Tennessee will have a Sales Tax Holiday beginning today, July 29th and will continue until Sunday, July 31st at 11:59 p.m. The special month-long gun safes and safety equipment sales tax holiday has been extended an additional fiscal year until June 30, 2023. There will be a grocery sales tax holiday for the entire month of August. Shoppers can now shop this weekend tax-free for clothes, school supplies and computers with some restrictions applied which are listed below:

- Tax exempt: General apparel costing under \$100 (shirts, pants, shoes, dresses, socks, etc.). School & art supplies under \$100 or less per item, including notebooks, binders, backpacks, pens, pencils and art items such as clay, glazes, drawing pads, brushes. Computers, laptops, tablets for personal use, \$1,500 or less.
- Not exempt: Clothing over \$100; jewelry, handbags, sports or recreational equipment. School supplies costing more than \$100; items normally sold together cannot be separated to bring per item cost below \$100 threshold. Flash drives, CD's, DVD's, printer supplies, household appliances, individually purchased software (i.e. not bundled with computers, laptops, or tablets when purchased).

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

- ♦ **Victor Powell Wilcox**, age 64, of Riceville passed away Tuesday, July 26th at his residence. He was a lifelong resident of McMinn County. There will be no formal service at this time. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Peggy Hitchcock**, age 87, of Etowah, passed away Tuesday, July 26th. She had multiple jobs as waitressing and working in a factory. A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, July 29th at Green Hill Cemetery. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Phyllis Jennings Brown**, age 75, a lifelong resident of Decatur, passed away Tuesday, July 26th. A funeral service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Walnut Grove Baptist Church with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. prior to the service. Interment will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, August 2nd at Walnut Grove Cemetery. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge.
- ♦ **Florine Stuart Hammons**, age 89, of Etowah, passed away Wednesday, July 27th. She was born in Reliance. She retired from Woods Memorial Hospital after 20 plus years of service. A funeral service will be at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 30th at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 4 to 6 p.m. prior to the service. A committal service will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Hiwassee Union Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Heinz E. Appelt**, age 57, of Decatur, passed away Wednesday, July 27th at his parents' home. There will be no service at this time. A memorial service will be at a later date. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge.

Church News & Events

- McMahan Calvary Baptist Church will be having friend and family day and homecoming this Sunday, July 31st at 10:45 a.m. A meal and fellowship will be afterwards. Everyone is invited.
- 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.
- Triumphant Baptist Church at 251 County Road 128 in Athens will have Vacation Bible School on Saturday, July 30th starting at 11 a.m. and ending with fireworks at dark. Lunch will be provided with a cookout in the evening. There will be a water slide, crafts, games and much more. For ages up to 18.
- If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, Mars Hill Presbyterian Church of Athens now offers a Griefshare program each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. For more information call 423-829-5052.
- Celebrate Recovery meets at the following churches: The Englewood Church of God every Sunday at 6 p.m. and Woodward Avenue Church of God every Tuesday at 6 p.m.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT:

Stocks moved higher after a report showed that the U.S. economy shrank for two quarters in a row. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 332.04 to 32,529.63. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 48.82 to 4,072.43, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 130.17 to 12,162.59.

MEDIC Regional Blood Center is working with local community groups and leaders to bring awareness to sickle cell disease and the ongoing need for blood products as the primary treatment for patients. MEDIC staff and board members are available to present to community groups about sickle cell disease, the product needs, and one family's perspective. For more information on MEDIC Regional Blood Center, visit: medicblood.org or contact Director of Communications Kristy Altman at Kaltman@medicblood.org or call 865-805-2008.

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