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- ✓ The Athens City Council Night Out Series is tonight. Meet your Athens City Council Members at J.L. Cook Memorial Park between 6 and 7 p.m. For questions about this event, please contact the office of the City Manager at 423.744.2700 Option 9.
- ✓ The McMinn County Election Commission will meet Wednesday, August 10th at 5 p.m. to count provisional ballots in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse and discuss any other election business to legally come before the board.
- ✓ Pearl & The Jammers will be at Bojangles in Athens today at 6:15 p.m. for a Gospel singing.
- ✓ The Good Faith Clinic will be open today on the campus of Christ Community Church at 18 S. Congress Parkway at 3:00 p.m. for refills and for Doctor visits at 3:30 p.m. The Good Faith Clinic is primary health care for residents of McMinn and Meigs counties, ages 18 to 65 who do not have any form of medical insurance, including TennCare. Proof of residency is required.
- ✓ The Spring City Lighthouse, an organization for seniors, is now open 5 days a week from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Activities include bingo, games, puzzles and snacks. They will be closed Wednesday, August 10th for a Senior Fair.

State and National News

- ✓ The Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) is competing in the American Association of State Troopers (AAST), "America's Best-Looking Cruiser Contest." State highway patrols and state police organizations from across the country are competing for the top spot. The top 13 states receiving votes will be featured in the respective months on the 2023 AAST calendar. The contest runs through 5 p.m. EST, August 25th. To cast your vote, CLICK HERE and scroll through the photos. The 2023 calendar will be available for purchase at www.statetroopers.org later this year. Calendar sales will benefit the American Association of State Troopers Foundation.
- ✓ China announced new military drills around Taiwan on Monday, a day after the scheduled end of Beijing's largest exercises to protest last week's visit to the island by U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. Pelosi's visit infuriated China, which responded with test launches of ballistic missiles over Taipei for the first time. China's Eastern Theatre Command said it would conduct joint drills focusing on anti-submarine and sea assault operations.

LISTENING REMINDER: The guest on Main Street Moments today will be Bo Perkinson, Athens City Mayor. He will be discussing the history of downtown business and the Athens Bicentennial Celebration on August 23rd. The program will be heard at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday (today) on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5. Tune in to hear all about the celebration.

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Obituaries Continued

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- Adam Clay Meadows, Sr., age 52, of Dayton, passed away Friday, August 5th at Rhea Medical Center after receiving injuries from a vehicle accident. He was employed by La-Z-Boy in Dayton. A funeral service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, August 10th at Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the service.
- Brenda Gail Evans Pirkle, age 49, of McMinn County, passed away Sunday, August 7th in a Maryville hospital. She was born in Cleveland. A graveside service will be Wednesday, August 10th at 1 p.m. at the Green Hill Cemetery in Etowah. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.
- Gayla Glass, age 70, of Decatur, passed away Sunday, August 7th at Tennova Healthcare in Cleveland. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home of Athens.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT Equities finished little changed. Interest rates were broadly lower. The 10-year Treasury yield fell below 2.8%. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 29.07 to 32,832.54. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 5.13 to 4,140.06, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 13.10 to 12,644.46.

Obituaries

• Larry Dean Wallace, Sr., age 77, of Athens, passed away Saturday, August 6th at his home. Most notably, Larry is the only person in the state's history to serve as both Director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) and Colonel of the Tennessee Highway Patrol. He began his career in 1964 with the Athens Police Department. He was appointed as a State Trooper in 1967 and in 1973 was promoted to Special Agent with the TBI. He was elected Sheriff of McMinn County twice and named "Sheriff of the Year" for 1979 by the Tennessee Sheriff's Association. He returned to the TBI in 1980 and was promoted to Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the Criminal Investigation Division in 1984. In 1987 Larry was appointed as Colonel and Commanding Officer of the Tennessee Highway Patrol and he was named Deputy Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Safety in 1988. In 1992, Governor Ned Ray McWherter appointed Larry to a six-year term as Director of the TBI, which made him the highest-ranking law enforcement officer in the state. In 1998, Governor Don Sundquist reappointed Larry to another six-year term and he continued serving in that position under Governor Phil Bredesen's administration until he retired from the Bureau on December 1, 2003. After retiring, he moved Home to McMinn County and joined the faculty at Tennessee Weslevan where he founded their very successful Criminal Justice program. He was Chairman of the Board of Directors of Athens Federal Community Bank and served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Athens Federal Foundation. In October, 2017, he joined Athens Insurance and was there during the last years of his working life. A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, August 11th with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Athens. A committal service will follow at Pond Hill Cemetery in Athens. Smith Funeral and Cremation Services of Athens is in charge.





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