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## Today's News...This Morning

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Thursday, September 22, 2022

Athens, Tennessee

## Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The City of Athens Parks and Recreation Department has announced the completion of the *Walking for the Health of McMinn* and the beginning of an additional health initiative; *Move with the Mayor*. This will be very similar but will have access to an app for tracking and special events where the mayors will be involved. They will also be able to host challenges within McMinn County and other cities in the country," stated Program Director Brianna Baker. To get your school, business, or organization involved, contact Brianna Baker at [bbaker@athenstn.gov](mailto:bbaker@athenstn.gov). The total miles logged for Walking for the Health of McMinn were 6,628.73 miles for 25 weeks with 992 entries. All prize winners will be notified in the coming weeks.
- ✓ The McMinn Central Knights middle school baseball program will be holding tryouts on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> for the 2023 spring season. The tryouts will take place at Bicentennial Park (391 Co Rd 750, Landfill Road). Tryouts will be conducted as a "Pro Style" workout and will start at 11:00 a.m. sharp, and should be done by 1 p.m. **No metal spikes are allowed on the turf.** They plan to have a Varsity and Junior Varsity team in the spring of 2023. If you are a returning player, you still need to attend the tryout. Fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth graders will be considered for the program. The team will be coached by Jeff Shaw, Donnie Cowart, Jimmy Flowers and Eric Lindsey. If you have questions about the tryouts, please contact Jeff Shaw at 423-506-7902 or Donnie Cowart at 423-368-8853.

## National and World News

- ◆ At the United Nations Wednesday, President Biden declared that Russia has "shamelessly violated the core tenets" of the U.N with its "brutal, needless war" in Ukraine. He said the war is an affront to the heart of what the international body stands for as he hoped to rally allies to stand firm in backing the Ukrainian resistance. Biden said reports of Russian abuses against civilians in Ukraine "should make your blood run cold." And the President said that Vladimir Putin's new nuclear threats against Europe showed "reckless disregard" for Russia's responsibilities as a signer of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.
- ◆ On Wednesday, The Federal Reserve raised its target interest rate by three-quarters of a percentage point to a range of 3.00%-3.25% and signaled more large increases to come in new projections showing its policy rate rising to 4.40% by the end of this year before topping out at 4.60% in 2023 to battle continued strong inflation. Inflation is seen slowly returning to the Fed's target of 2% in 2025. Rate cuts are not foreseen until 2024.
- ◆ After about three months in captivity, two U.S. military veterans who disappeared while fighting Russia with Ukrainian forces have been released, according to relatives. On June 9, Alex Drueke, 39, and Andy Huynh, 27, went missing after their unit came under heavy fire in the Kharkiv region of northeastern Ukraine near the Russian border. "They are safely in the custody of the U.S. embassy in Saudi Arabia and will return to the states after medical checks and debriefing."

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## Obituaries

- ♦ **Kenneth "Kenny" Dale White, Jr.**, age 49, of Athens, passed away Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. He was a native and lifelong resident of McMinn County. A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Frances Smith Graves**, age 89, of Athens, passed away Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at her residence. Arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral & Cremation Services.
- ♦ **George Edward 'Hank' Beisel III**, age 68, passed away Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. He was born in Columbia, SC and grew up in Marietta, GA. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Sunrise Cemetery. Following the service, family and friends will gather at 556 Julian Road, NE in Cleveland to commemorate his life. Obituary is courtesy of Winkehofer Pine Ridge Funeral Home and Memorial Park in Kennesaw, GA. Ziegler Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of local arrangements.
- ♦ **Tommy David Fugate**, age 36, of Pikeville, passed away Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. He was a native of Chattanooga and a longtime resident of the Hillview Community. Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday at Ziegler. Interment will follow at Short Creek Cemetery.

## Wednesday's Market Report

Stocks swung between gains and losses but finished lower. Geopolitical tensions remain high amid headlines that Russian President Putin will mobilize army reserves to support the Ukraine invasion. Short-term bond yields rose. The 10-year yield declined. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 522.45 to 30,183.78. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 66.00 to 3,789.93, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 204.86 to 11,220.19.

### ◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE

Weekly Summary: 09/11/22 - 09/17/22

There were 1,230 cases (per day) and 13 deaths (per day) last week

**Tennessee:** 2,328,222 Total Cases      27,631 Total Deaths

| COUNTY  | CASES  | DEATHS |
|---------|--------|--------|
| McMinn  | 18,853 | 274    |
| Meigs   | 3,896  | 60     |
| Monroe  | 16,729 | 254    |
| Polk    | 5,281  | 85     |
| Bradley | 37,027 | 433    |
| Rhea    | 11,130 | 164    |

Covid-19 update information from the Tennessee Department of Health is updated on Saturday and posted to their website each Wednesday.

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**McMinn County Living Heritage Museum**

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Thursday, September 22 @ NOON  
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Saturday, September 24 @ 11 AM - Macramé with Jennifer Freeman  
Come make a wall hanging using the age old craft of Macramé.  
\$25 for members/\$30 for non-members

Friday, October 7 - A RARE OPPORTUNITY - View Athens From Above!  
a WWII Dauntless Dive Bomber and a T-6 Trainer will be at The McMinn County Airport. Call The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum for more information. To book a flight call 423- 462-1038.

Programs sponsored by C. Scott & Muriel S. Mayfield Family Foundation, Tennessee Arts Commission, Hugh M. Wilson Family Foundation, and City of Athens

| Hours:            |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Tuesday - Friday: | 10 AM - 5 PM |
| Saturday:         | 10 AM - 4 PM |
| Sunday - Monday:  | Closed       |

**More Information**

522 W Madison Ave.  
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[www.livingheritagemuseum.org](http://www.livingheritagemuseum.org)

| Admission:  |        |
|-------------|--------|
| Adults:     | \$5.00 |
| Senior 60+: | \$3.00 |
| Students:   | \$3.00 |