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Friday, November 18, 2022

Athens, Tennessee

Celebrity Bagging Event

United Way is teaming with the Athens Food City again this year to host the 4th Celebrity Bagging Event in support of their annual fundraising campaign. The event will take place on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Local "celebrities" throughout the community have volunteered their time and talents to bag groceries at Food City, Athens. Local "celebrities" will be from Athens City Schools, Athens Kiwanis Club, Athens Utilities Board, CapStar Bank, McMinn County Government, Simmons Bank, and United Way Partner Agencies. Shoppers who wish to do so can make a contribution to the United Way at the checkouts, via collection containers; or they can elect to have their contribution conveniently added to their grocery total. The community volunteers make it a friendly competition and there will be bragging rights between who raises the most money. All donations will benefit the United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties 2023 Campaign.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL SCHEDULE: Tennessee plays South Carolina on Saturday in Columbia. Game time is 7:00 p.m. and T.V. coverage will be on ESPN.

Clarification: In Tuesday's Morning Fax we stated that the Athens City Council would assume the liability for any claims that may result from the lawsuits filed against former city manager C. Seth Sumner. That is not correct. Actually, the liability insurance carrier for the City of Athens, Public Entity Partners, will make the decisions regarding coverage and the providing of a defense for Mr. Sumner for any past and future claims made against Mr. Sumner. We are glad to make that correction.

Old Fashioned Downtown Christmas

Everyone is invited to Old Fashioned Downtown Christmas tonight, Friday, November 18th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. This is a time to kick off the holiday season for the downtown retailers in Athens. This year The Grinch theme will be used by encouraging visitors to allow their heart to grow "three times bigger" while celebrating in the heartbeat of Athens! The Grinch is expected to make several appearances during OFDC. This event will feature dancers, singers, food and craft vendors, a tree farm and the lighting of the Christmas tree at 7:30 p.m. at Market Park Pavilion. Restaurants and retail shops will be open until at least 8:00 p.m. for late night shopping and dining. Several food trucks will also be available such as 2 Dudes BBQ and Scott's Food Truck. There will be live music and Santa will also make an appearance. Participating merchants will be promoting a "Friendly City Shop Hop" allowing customers to seek clues for a chance to win one of four \$250 shopping sprees (\$1,000 total) which is sponsored by Main Street Athens. Stuart Mason is the event coordinator and Lisa Dotson, Executive Director of Main Street Athens, hopes everyone has a good time. There is no admission charge.

Saturday, Nov. 19 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Ingleside Elem. Gym FREE & open to the public



Photos with Santa and 30+ local vendors including clothing, decor, candles, baked goods, jewelry, soaps & morel

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

✓ Joetta "Jody" Barr, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, passed away at her home on November 116th. She was a native of Grandview, Tennessee. Jody graduated from Spring City High in 1969 and then attended Hiwassee College where she met her future husband, Raymond Barr, and the two were married August 28, 1971. Jody graduated with a Bachelor of Science from Tennessee Wesleyan University and a Master of Science from the University of Tennessee in Early Childhood Education. Jody was a kindergarten teacher. Jody also worked as a real estate agent for Century 21, and later with her husband, Raymond created Superior Sporting Goods. Later they founded United Service Associates, a fundraising company focused on schools. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, December 10th at 2:30 pm at Mars Hill Presbyterian Church, with visitation following in the fellowship hall. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

✓ Steven Eaton, age 62, of Athens, passed away Wednesday, November 16th at Starr Regional Medical Center. A memorial service will be Saturday, November 19th at 5 p.m. at Parkway Baptist Church with visitation beginning at 3 p.m. Good Samaritan Funeral Home is in charge.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REDORT: Equity markets finished lower. The price of oil fell sharply. Oil traded around \$81/barrel. EU and Asian shares were lower. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Average was down 7.51 to 33,546.32. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 12.23 to 3,946.56, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 38.70 to 11,144.96.

Church News and Events

- Union McMinn Baptist Church will be a drop-off site for Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week. Hours are: Monday Friday (November 14 18) 5:30 7:30 p.m., Saturday (November 19) 9 11 a.m.; Sunday (November 20) 2 4 p.m.; Monday (November 21) 9:30 11:30 a.m. See Ad Below
- 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.
- Trinity Trio along with Debbie Boyd Huttenhoff, will be singing Sunday, November 20th for a special Thanksgiving service at 11 a.m. at Shady Grove Baptist Church in Murphy North Carolina.
- 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.

Winter Safety Tips for Home & Auto

Information and demonstrations will be provided on winterizing your home and vehicle.







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