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**Wednesday, December 28, 2022****Athens, Tennessee**

### Ribbon Cutting for Klixx Photography

A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Klixx Photography, located in Athens. Chamber friends joining the celebration and pictured here left to right are: Hunter Starr, Chamber Diplomat; Athens City Councilman Dick Pelley, Cami Ratledge, Klixx Photography; Arlissa Gentry, Owner Klixx Photography, Ashley Gentry, Stephanie Swanson, Charlotte Morgan (The Beachside Studio), Lisa Rhea, Chamber Diplomat; Krystal Newton, Chamber Board; Back: Paul Semenoff, Chamber Diplomat; Karen Sullivan, Athens Chamber; John Rodriguez, Chamber Board; Denise Ratledge, Cody Griffith (J.Galt), Kathie Vaughn; McMinn County Mayor John Gentry, Rob Preston, Chamber President/CEO; State Representative Mark Cochran. (Chamber Photo)



### Community News You Can Use

✓ The McMinn County Election Commission will meet on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5 p.m. in the Conference Room of the McMinn County Courthouse. The meeting is for the purpose of planning for the 2023-2024 year. The regular monthly election commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. in the Conference Room of the McMinn County Courthouse.

### Young Couple Killed Christmas Night

A car crash on Christmas night on US Highway 64 near Cleveland, claimed the lives of 33-year-old Dustin Dillard and his wife, 33-year-old Brittany Dillard, a teacher at Walker Valley High School. According to the Tennessee Highway Patrol, the Dillards were struck head-on by an Isuzu driven by 42-year-old Patricke Conley, who was injured in the crash. The THP says that Conley's SUV veered off the left side of the road, went across the median and slammed into a Jeep Wagoneer that contained the Dillard family. The Dillards have three young children who were injured in the crash and had to be hospitalized.

◆ The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be Laura Stanton, a student at Women at the Well. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.

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## Obituaries

- ♦ **Sue Gilbert Baker**, age 98, of Athens, passed away Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at Morning Pointe of Athens. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens.
- ♦ **Nora Margaret Phipps**, 82, a longtime resident of Polk County, passed away on Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. She was born in Amarillo, TX and attended both the University of Arizona and Arizona State University. She was active in her college sorority throughout her life. She married her husband Charlie, on August 23, 1958, in Gallup, NM. They traveled frequently and lived in many different places including Arizona, Washington, California, Pennsylvania, Alabama, and Tennessee, where she and Charlie retired. A memorial service will be held their home at 172 River Run Road, Calhoun, TN. Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> from 1 to 3 p.m. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Betty Ann Roderick**, age 80, of Athens passed away Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>. A funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at Good Samaritan Funeral Home with visitation from 12 to 1 prior to the service at the funeral home.
- ♦ **Michael Charles Roach**, age 70, of Maryville passed away Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mike retired from the Blount County Highway Department. No public services will be held at this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

## Camper Fire on CR 561

Monday afternoon around 12:30 on County Road 561, near Englewood, a camper was fully involved upon arrival of fire units. It was a total loss. This is the same location of 2 other structure fires which occurred over the weekend. Englewood Rural Fire and Etowah Rural Fire Departments responded to the scene. Firefighters received assistance from AMR, the McMinn County Sheriff's Department and Etowah Utilities Board.

Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department



**TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** U.S. equity markets were mostly lower. The S&P 500 and Nasdaq were down. The Dow Jones index moved modestly higher. Treasury yields continue to climb higher. The 10-year Treasury yield was up by 0.11%. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 37.63 to 33,241.56. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 15.57 to 3,829.25, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 144.64 to 10,353.23.

**JOB POSTING: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Coordinated Charities, a ministry founded by churches to help the poor and needy in 1959, is seeking an individual to serve as Executive Director. This is a vital role for the organization, the community, and those in McMinn County in need. This person will provide oversight and management for both branches of the organization: the Thrift Store and the Assistance Center. Responsibilities include staffing, finances, record management, human resources, community relations, resource development, tax preparation, ensuring compliance, overseeing community service, and daily operations. Coordinated Charities is governed by a local board of directors and is a 501 c(3) nonprofit organization. The position is full time, Monday through Friday. Vacation and sick leave included. Compensation will be based on experience. Interested applicants should email a resumé to [amgentry10@att.net](mailto:amgentry10@att.net) Training will be provided as needed.

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