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## Today's News... This Morning

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Wednesday, February 08, 2023

Athens, Tennessee

## Black History Month

◆ Today we are featuring Bettye Lou Porter. She began her career teaching for 2 years at East Etowah Elementary. She taught first grade at J.L. Cook Elementary. She also taught at Forrest Hill Elementary, Westside Elementary and City Park Elementary. Porter retired from the Athens City School System in 1993 after 36 years.



SOURCE: [Obituary | Bettye Porter | M.D. DOTSON & SONS \(dotsonfh.com\)](#), November 5, 2022

Article and Photo submitted by Dr. Wayne Williams

◆ This week on "Hope From the Well," Robin Nation and Julie Miller will be discussing "Freedom from Fear" Part 1. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.

## Community News You Can Use

✓ The Tennessee Senior Olympic state finals dates are in place for 2023! Feel younger, stronger, in better shape, and experience the true joy of competing against those in your own age group. No matter your skill level, you will find a culture of encouragement and friendship amongst all athletes. In 2023 the state finals are open to any Tennessean (or athlete within 30 miles of the border) 50 years old by 12/31/2023. District participation will NOT be required to participate in the 2023 state finals.

**Golf:** June 26 - 27, 2023 - Franklin Bridge Golf Club

**2023 State Finals Dates:** June 23- 29, 2023

Williamson County (all sports except cycling and pickleball)

**Pickleball:** August 10-13, 2023

Chattanooga Convention Center

**Cycling:** September 9-10, 2023

Strawberry Plains, TN

To view a general schedule per sport, please click or tap [HERE](#) and select your sport as most dates and times have been set. Please keep checking back for those that indicate TBD. Please note that this schedule is subject to change. If you have any questions, please contact the McMinn Senior Activity Center at 423-745-6830 or [setnseniorolympics@gmail.com](mailto:setnseniorolympics@gmail.com).

✓ There will be a benefit for Cancer victim, Revondia Borden, Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Niota Depot at 5:30 p.m. There will be a hot dog supper, auction, and gospel singing. For more information contact Lewis Hiefnar at 423-920-0136.

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## Obituaries

♦ **Kathy Wilson Loftis**, age 69, of Athens, passed away Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at her residence. She was a lifelong resident of McMinn County. A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at McMinn Memory Gardens. There will be no formal visitation. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Mary Katherine Lingerfelt**, age 85, of Athens, passed away Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at Parkwest Medical Center. She was a native and lifelong resident of McMinn County. A graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb 10<sup>th</sup> at Valley Road Cemetery. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT** Equity markets ended the day higher. Fed Chairman Powell indicated that he thinks inflation has started to ease. In the bond market, yields rose slightly after the Fed comments. The 10-year Treasury moved above 3.65% sending bond prices lower. WTI crude oil closed at 77.24 +10¢. International equity markets were mixed. Two inflation data points indicated a sharp rise in used car prices in January and the price of wholesale eggs has dropped significantly. At the closing bell: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 265.67 to 34,156.69. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 52.92 to 4,164.00, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 226.34 to 12,113.79.

## Vehicle Fire in Englewood

While traveling on County Road 460, Englewood, around 4:30 p.m. last Wednesday a 1994 Ford Ranger overheated. The truck had a manual transmission and when the driver exited the vehicle it ran across the road. The engine ignited and the fire spread to the cab. The truck was a total loss. Englewood Rural Fire Department and McMinn County Sheriff's Department both responded along with AUB because the fire was located under the power lines.

Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department



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