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Monday, March 13, 2023

Athens, Tennessee

Retirement Celebration

Grace and Mercy Ministries invites everyone to a "Retirement Celebration" on Thursday, March 23rd from 2-4 pm at the Cooke Ministry Center located at 714 Walter Street in Athens. Light refreshments will be served and Executive Director and founder, Tanya Murphy's 13 years of faithful service will be highlighted as she leaves and the new Executive Director, Mary Jane Ballew will be welcomed. The ministry started when Murphy witnessed people who appeared homeless frequenting the back of an Athens supermarket, often sleeping on the ground with only blankets to protect them. She was certain they must be hungry so she followed her passion and began a ministry, distributing food from her vehicle. She began accepting donations from individuals, churches and other groups with a determination to help ease a great burden within the community. Murphy continued her work, hoping for a building from which she could grow the program. In 2010, she became founder and facilitator for Grace and Mercy Ministries, which has operated from the Cooke Center since that date. Grace and Mercy Ministry is a community outreach that seeks to meet physical, social, and spiritual needs. The ministry is currently serving over 400 warm meals every week and is in need of donations of money or food items. Donations in honor of Tanya can be mailed to P.O. Box 1443, Athens, TN 37371 or brought to the celebration on the 23rd. For questions, call 423-920-1367.



Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The UT Extension- McMinn County office and Starr Regional Medical Center- Diabetes Center will be offering *Dining with Diabetes* classes on Tuesday: April 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2023 (10am-noon) and (6pm -8pm). The classes will be held at the UT Extension Office, 2345 Denso Dr., Athens. *Dining with Diabetes* is open to anyone with diabetes, family members of diabetics or anyone at risk for diabetes. Learn how to prepare quick and healthy meals that taste good. Recipes will be prepared each class and participants will have the opportunity to taste each one.
- ✓ There will be an Open House for the Bike & Pedestrian Plan for Downtown Athens on Thursday, March 23rd at 5:30pm to 7:00 pm at 3 West College Street (event space @ white street market) and is an in-person meeting. A virtual link will not be provided for this meeting. Downtown residents and businesses are encouraged to attend.

LISTENING REMINDER: This week's guest on Main Street Moments will be Rob Preston, President, Athens Area Chamber of Commerce. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5.

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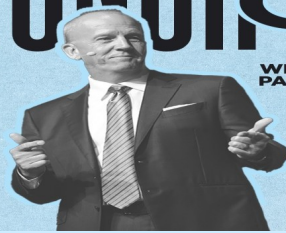
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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Dr. Gary L. Burris**, age 73, passed away March 9th. He was a lifelong resident of McMinn County. He was a graduate of McMinn Co. High, Tennessee Tech University, and received his Doctorate of Dental Surgery from the University of Tennessee School of Dentistry at Memphis. A funeral service will be at 1:30 pm Monday, March 13th at Smith Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12-1:30 pm Monday at the funeral home prior to the service. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Vivian R. Powers**, age 69, of Decatur, passed away Sunday, March 12th at NHC Healthcare of Athens. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

♦ **Susan Ann "Sue" Martin**, age 85, a longtime resident of McMinn County passed away Thursday, March 9th at her home. She was born in Salem, Oregon. She was an honorable discharged veteran of the United States Air Force after faithfully serving her country. Then she went to work in law enforcement for 40 years, retiring from the McMinn County Sheriff's office. A memorial service was held this weekend. Companion Funeral Home of Athens was in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Bill Key**, age 89, longtime resident of Riceville, died March 3rd at Athens Place Assisted Living. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and retired from Olin Chemicals. A funeral service will be at 7 pm Monday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5 pm until 7 pm prior to the service at Ziegler Funeral Home. Interment will be at 12 pm Tuesday at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Cleveland. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Friday's Market Report

Markets were lower after the failure of Silicon Valley Bank, a primary lender to start-up companies and venture capital firms. SVB was not able to raise capital to boost its finances, causing regulators to take possession of the bank. As a result, stocks across sectors moved lower. The 2-year Treasury yield was down over 0.30%. The VIX volatility index moved up about 15%. The Dow Jones Average was down 345.22 to 31,909.64. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 56.73 to 3,861.59, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 199.47 to 11,138.89.

NCAA TOURNAMENT BRACKET

The Tennessee Volunteers earned a No. 4 seed in the NCAA Tournament for the fourth time in program history and will travel to Orlando, Florida to face 13th seed Louisiana in the East Region on Thursday at 9:40 p.m. ET on CBS.

The Tennessee Lady Vols were selected as a No. 4-seed in the NCAA Tournament and will face 13-seed St. Louis in the first round. Tennessee will host the first two rounds at Thompson-Boling Arena as one of the top 16 seeds of the tournament. A win would match them with No. 5 Iowa State or No. 12 Toledo in the second round on the following Monday. Virginia Tech is the top seed in Tennessee's region.

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