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Casting a Long Shadow

The photo to the right was submitted to us recently by one of our Morning Fax subscribers. It shows the cooling towers at the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant just before sunset. If you'll look carefully, you can see the shadow of the towers and the water vapor plumes. The photo was taken at about 35,000 feet above by Jon Ketchersid, a Captain with FedEx, who flies an Airbus A-300 from Orlando to Indianapolis on a regular schedule. Jon is a former resident of Athens and the voungest son of the late Bob Ketchersid. Cofounder of the Morning Fax. Thanks. Jon!



Community News You Can Use

The Athens City Council will have a called meeting today, March 16th at 6 pm to review applications for the position of City Manager; approve any action necessary regarding the interview process for candidates and scheduling interviews for the position of City Manager; approve any action necessary regarding further assistance from the City Manager Search Committee; and review and approve a proposed employment agreement for the City Manager.

 \checkmark The McMinn Senior Activity Center held their first of 15 hours of computer classes for seniors on March 13th. There are eleven seniors in the class which will run through the end of the month and when they finish their 15 hours, they will be able to take their Chromebook home with them. In addition to Tech Goes Home 1.0, the Center will be teaching a 2.0 version that will be open to seniors that graduated the first series of classes. Since December 2020, Tech Goes Home Chattanooga started working across the Southeast Tennessee Area Agency on Aging and Disability's 10-county footprint to serve older adults (age 60+), partnering with local volunteer trainers — including the directors of local seniors centers, UT Extension Agents, librarians, pastors and staff from UTC's Center for Community and Career Education - to host 15-hour digital literacy classes, specifically tailored for what participating seniors wanted and needed to learn. In 2022, Tech Goes Home partnered with West End Home Foundation to expand access for older adults across the state of Tennessee. The community partnerships and collaborations are sharing resources, support, and tools to close the technology gap among seniors for greater independence and connectivity. Serving seniors throughout southeast Tennessee since 1974, the mission of the McMinn Senior Activity Center is to empower seniors to age successfully. For more information, contact the Senior Center at 423-745-6830 or go to www.mcminnseniors.com.



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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

• William "Dewey" Stiles, age 80, of Englewood, passed away Tuesday, March 14th. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 pm Friday, March 17th at Bordwine Funeral Home. Family and friends will assemble, Saturday, March 18th at Sunrise Cemetery for an 11 am graveside service. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

• **Kendall "Craig" Huckabey**, age 59, of Athens, passed away Wednesday, March 15th. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

• **Rubenia Moore** passed away recently. Funeral services will be Saturday, March 18th at 2 pm at M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home of Athens, with visitation one hour before the service at the funeral home. M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

TODAY IN HISTORY - MARCH 16th

1751 - James Madison, our fourth president, was born in Virginia.

1789 - German physicist George S. Ohm was born. He discovered the mathematical law of electric currents which is known as "Ohm's Law." The "ohm," a unit of electrical resistance, was named for him.

1802 - The United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, was established.

1926 - Dr. Robert Goddard launched the world's first liquidfueled rocket. Goddard is known as the Father of modern rocketry and space flight.

1926 - Comedian and singer Jerry Lewis was born. For years, he and Dean Martin were side-kicks and starred in several movies. **1966** - Astronauts Neil Armstrong and David Scott docked their Gemini-8 space vehicle with another spacecraft. It was the first successful link-up of two vehicles in space.

Wednesday's Market Report

Markets were lower as more negative bank headlines developed with concerns for Credit Suisse. The Swiss National Bank stated that they will provide liquidity to Credit Suisse if needed but that the major European bank remains well capitalized. Markets were under pressure across the board, and U.S. treasury yields fell as investors flocked to safe assets. Oil prices also dropped to around \$69/barrel. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 280.83 to 31,874.57. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 27.36 to 3,891.93 and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 5.90 to 11,434.05.

COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE

Weekly Summary: 03/05/23 - 03/11/2023 Last week there were 567 cases per day and 5 deaths per day

Tennessee Total Cases:	2,519,078	Tennessee Total Deaths:	29,299
COUNTY	CASES	DEATHS	
McMinn	20,078	288	
Meigs	4,179	63	
Monroe	18,417	277	
Polk	5,653	89	
Bradley	39,256	459	
Rhea	11,827	172	

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

