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Monday, March 27, 2023

Athens, Tennessee

Grass Fire from Embers

The landowner of this property was burning stuff in a barrel recently and the next day around 8 pm after stirring the embers, he turned inside for a break and the wind carried the embers to a brush pile catching it and about 1/2 acre of grass on fire. Responding to the fire was Englewood Rural Fire Department. Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department





Community News You Can Use

 \checkmark The City of Athens Public Works Department would like to announce to residents that the annual Clean-Up Week has been scheduled for City residents. Clean-Up Week will be April 17th -21st. Residents should be aware of the following information: Residents should have all items to be picked up placed curbside (within 3 to 5 feet from edge of road) by Sunday, April 16th. Do not place any items in the road or on public sidewalks. Public Works crews will pick up items left at the curb throughout the week. There is no schedule for any specific street on a specific day; however, all city streets will be covered at least once during the week. It is important that residents have all items out the weekend before Clean Up Week starts, as Public Works crews will not be able to respond to call-ins for items put out after they have passed through your street. Additionally, Clean-Up Week pick-ups are separate from residential garbage pick-ups and will not necessarily coincide on the same day as your regular garbage collection. PLEASE RECYCLE AS MUCH AS POSSI-BLE! Good, usable clothes, furniture, appliances, house wares or building materials may be donated and taken to The Better Living Center or Coordinated Charities. Residential items that will be picked up include brush, furniture, bagged leaves, tires, appliances, typical yard sale items, and limited building material. For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 423-744-2700 Ext. 1. For more information regarding hazardous household chemicals accepted year-round at the recycling center, please visit the Public Works Recycling Center page HERE

✓ The Disabled American Veterans Chapter 25 Car Show will be on April 8th from 4 to 8 pm at Bradley Square Mall in Cleveland. There will be a \$20 auto registration fee, and the model car fee is \$5.00, Trophies, hot dogs, cokes, door prizes, 50/50 music. Everyone is welcome. Come on out, have fun and support local Disabled Veterans.

✓ The monthly meeting of the Cherokee Beekeepers Association will be Tuesday, March 28^{th} at 7 pm at the AgCentral Farmers Cooperative located at 920 Congress Pkwy. N., Athens. You do not need to be a member to attend. Everyone is welcome.

✓ The McMinn County Library Board will hold a meeting on Monday, March 27^{th} at 6 pm at E.G. Fisher Public Library, 1289 Ingleside Ave. Athens. This meeting is open to the public.

✓ "Oh What A King" an Easter Play at Mt. Harmony Baptist Church at Riceville April 1^{st} and 2^{nd} at 6 pm each night.

LISTENING REMINDER: This week's guest on Main Street Moments will be Anne Montgomery & Edward Hall, Representatives of TWU Goodfriend School of Business Envite Collaborative. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5.



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Obituaries

• Joseph C. (Joe) Nelson, age 86, of Cumberland Hills Community near Englewood, passed away Friday, March 24th at Starr Regional Medical Center. He was a native of Sweetwater and longtime resident of McMinn County. He served the community in banking, retiring from Athens Federal in 2000 as Vice President of Lending. A funeral service will be at 7 pm, Tuesday, March 28th at East Athens Baptist Church. The committal service will be 11 am, Wednesday, March 29th at McMinn Memory Gardens. Visitation will be at the church from 5-7 pm Tuesday prior to the service. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

• **Margaret Bohannon Mason**, age 94 of Athens, passed away Thursday, March 23rd in Knoxville. She was a native and lifelong resident of McMinn County. She was a homemaker and employed for a while by Athens City School System. She was the oldest living member of Allen Memorial United Methodist Church. A funeral service will be at 2 pm Monday at Allen Memorial United Methodist. Interment will follow in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12 to 2 pm at the church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Judith Gail (Balsinger) Dockery, age 76, (formally of Maryville) died March 23rd at Spring City Care & Rehab Center in Spring City. It was her wish to donate her body to the research program at The Forensic Anthropology Center, University of Tennessee-Knoxville (The Body Farm); therefore, no services will be held; family will gather for a private remembrance. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.
Helen B. Wilson, passed away Thursday, March 23rd. She grew up in Cleveland. She was a familiar face to those in the front office at Cleveland Dental Center in Cleveland, Tennessee for 10 years. A graveside service will be at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 28th in New Zion Cemetery.
Michael Anthony "Tony" Letner, age 55, of Athens, passed away Thursday, March 23rd. A memorial service will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 30th at the Walnut Grove Baptist Church. Visitation will be from 5 form 5.
6 p.m. Thursday at the church prior to the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

• Ginger Bowers, age 72, of Athens, passed away Saturday, March 25th. She graduated from McMinn Central High School. No formal services will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

E&E Receives Awards

◆ Mr. Wes Smith and E&E Manufacturing of Tennessee, LLC were awarded both the ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve) Patriot Award and the Above and Beyond awards. These awards were presented due to the owner's and employees' dedication to support and employ veterans, guardsmen and reservists currently serving, plus their outreach to support the members of the 134th ARW (Air Refueling Wing) and Army National Guard members in the area. In the photo: L-R) Brig. General (Ret.) Jim Mungenast TN ESGR Chairman, Steve Martin Knoxville Area ESGR Rep, Wes Smith Owner E&E Manufacturing of TN, Lt. Col. Willis Parker, Col. M. Lee Hartley Jr, 134th ARW Wing Commander, Col. Jason Brock 134th ARW Vice Wing Commander, & CMSgt Stacy Cutshaw, 134th CES Superintendent.





PreK Registration REGISTER NOW!

Registration packets available at All Schools • Administration Building

943 Crestway Drive | 745-1516

Child must be 4 years of age by August 15, 2023