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Community News You Can Use

- ✓ Jerry Mitchell will be singing at Bojangles today beginning at 6 p.m.
- ✓ The McMinn Regional Humane Society's annual pancake breakfast will be Saturday, April 29th at the McMinn Senior Center from 7:30 am to 10 am. The center is located at 205 McMinn Avenue in Athens. Kids 4 and under eat free.

National News

◆ At least four people have been killed at a bank in downtown Louisville, Ky. after being shot, including two friends of the governor, and at least nine others were wounded Monday. The suspect also died. It's not clear at this time if the shooter killed himself or was shot by officers.

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax. If you take a newsworthy photograph, send it to: wvxiradio@gmail.com

Cardiac Catheterization Lab

Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens will host a ribbon cutting and community open house for its new \$5.4 million cardiac catheterization (cath) lab on Thursday, April 13th. Construction on the expansion began June 29, 2022, and was completed this month. The cardiac cath lab and launching of an interventional cardiology program at SRMC means greater access to life-saving heart care in McMinn County. "This is truly an exciting time for Starr Regional Medical Center, the community and the entire region we serve. This project ensures patients in McMinn County and the surrounding areas have greater access to timely cardiac care close to home," said John McLain, Starr Regional Medical Center Chief Executive Officer." The cardiac cath lab demonstrates our commitment to expanding access to services and investing in new technology and capabilities to meet the needs of our growing community in efforts to enhance our mission of making communities healthier. Story continued on Page 2



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Obituaries

- ◆ Tammy Jeanette Novoa, age 57, of Decatur, passed away on April 10th at her residence. Visitation will be Wednesday, April 12th from 11-1 pm at the funeral home and a memorial service will follow at 1 pm, at Ziegler Funeral Home. Interment will follow directly after services at Upper Spring Creek Cemetery in Riceville. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- ◆ Laura Lee Petitt Scott, age 96, of Decatur, passed away Sunday, April 9th at her residence. She was known as a wonderful cook, famous for her chess pies. She was an avid gardener, canner, and seamstress. A funeral service will be Wednesday, April 12th at 7 pm at Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Interment will be held in the Goodfield Cemetery at 11 am Thursday, April 13th with visitation from 5 to 7 pm Wednesday, prior to the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.
- ◆ Peggy Ann Dover, age 81, of Riceville, passed away April 8th at Life-Care of Collegedale. She was born in Jefferson, GA. She was a devoted employee of Olin Corporation at the Charleston and Cleveland locations with 34 years of service until her retirement in 2018. She attended Tennessee Wesleyan University and earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Management, summa cum laude, while working full-time and taking care of her household. The family will receive friends at Smith Funeral Home of Athens, Monday, April 17th from 1:30-3:00 pm, with a chapel service immediately following. Interment will follow in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Smith Funeral and Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.
- ◆ Cecil Clyde David "Pic" Pickens, age 85, a lifelong resident of McMinn County passed away Sunday, April 9th in a Chattanooga healthcare facility. He was born in Etowah. A graveside service is planned for Wednesday, April 12th at 1 pm in the McMinn Memory Gardens. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

Obituaries - Continued

- ♦ Rita Joanne Wheaton Morris, age 77, of Decatur, passed away Sunday, April 9th. A funeral service will be Saturday, April 15th at 2 pm in the Chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Interment will follow in the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Athens. Visitation will be from 12 to 2 pm, prior to the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.
- ◆ Lonnie Moore, age 63, of Maryville passed away Thursday April, 6th at his home. No formal services are scheduled at this time. Good Samaritan Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.
- ◆ Leanne Marie Garrett, age 58, of Athens, passed away April 1st after prolonged health-related challenges. Leanne was born in La Mirada, Calif. She chose a career of serving others working in hospitality. In February 1997, Leanne met Thomas Garrett while living in Georgetown, TX. and after a brief courtship, they were married in August 1997. In 2016, Leanne and Tom moved to Tennessee. A memorial service will be held at Antioch Baptist Church, 218 Canal St. Athens, TN. April 13th at 6 pm. Good Samaritan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements

Cardiac Cath Lab - Continued

Continued from Page 1: We hope our community will join us in celebrating the completion of this project and addition of catheterization services at Starr Regional." The ribbon cutting is scheduled for 1:30 pm followed by a community open house from 4-6 pm. Community members will have the opportunity to tour the new cardiac catheterization lab and learn more about the cardiovascular services, including interventional cardiology, offered at the facility. Visitors wanting to tour the area should park near and enter through the Outpatient Services entrance where a staff member will guide them to the area. For more information about the event, contact Brandi Armstrong at brandi.armstrong@lpnt.net or 423.745.1411. To learn about the cath lab and cardiovascular services available at Starr Regional Medical Center, visit StarrRegional.com.

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