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Community News You Can Use

✓The Good Faith Clinic will be open, today, May 9th at 3 p.m. for refills and at 3:30 p.m. for doctor visits. The GFC is for residents of McMinn and Meigs Counties that are under the age of 65 and have no health insurance.

◆ **FIRE AT EXIT 42 ON I-75:** Friday around 12:30 on I-75 at exit 42, Riceville, Englewood Rural Fire and Athens City Fire were called for mutual aid by Calhoun Fire and Athens Rural Fire Departments in a 2021 Freightliner Tractor fire. The driver stated the fire started underneath tandem axles with the driver attempting to extinguish the fire and separate the trailer but was unable to do so. The trailer was hauling Coca Cola products with the trailer sustaining heavy damage and the tractor a total loss. County Wide District Fire Coordinator Scott Thompson was first on the scene. TDOT assisted with the call. THP Officer Ethan Jones investigated the incident. Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department



Soap Box Derby Coming Soon

The 28th Annual Athens Soap Box Derby will be held on Saturday, June 3rd on Washington Avenue in Athens in conjunction with MOOFest. The Athens Soap Box Derby is a preliminary to the 85th running of the All-American Soap Box Derby World Championships, which will be held in Akron, Ohio, the week of July 17-21. Athens will be running three divisions: the Stock Division, the Super Stock Division, and the Super Kids Division. The Stock division is the beginning class designed for racers 7-13 years old and is a lean forward car. The driver and car together, in the Stock Division, race at 200 pounds. The Super Stock Division is for racers ages 9-18 years old and can accommodate a larger racer up to approximately six feet tall and 160 pounds. The driver and car together, in the Super Stock Division, race at 240 pounds. The National Super Kids Classic Division is designed for special needs youth ages 7 to 18 and is a double-seater car, driven by former Soap Box Derby drivers. Drivers are still being sought for all divisions with some cars available for use first come, first serve. On Saturday, June 3, beginning at 4 a.m., Washington Avenue from Hill Street to Long Street will be closed to automobile traffic and turned into a Soap Box Derby track. A Soap Box Derby car rides approximately 3.5 inches off the ground and will attain speeds of approximately 21 miles per hour on Washington Avenue. The cars are entirely gravity powered and have a brake and steering wheel. Continued on Page 2

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Obituaries

◆ **Bill Akins**, age 90, passed away May 7th. He was a resident of Athens. He received his BS degree with Honors from Tennessee Wesleyan College and received his Master's degree from Georgia Southern. He also completed additional graduate studies at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from Tennessee Wesleyan College. Bill retired from Mayfield Dairy Farms and Tennessee Wesleyan College, where he also taught. He served in the US Air Force during the Korean War and later in the Tennessee National Guard. He was active in historical circles, serving as the former president of the McMinn Historical Society and former board member of the East Tennessee Historical Society. He received the Ramsey Lifetime Achievement Award among others. He authored, co-authored, and edited several books on McMinn County History. He served on the TWC Board of Trustees and alumni association. Visitation will be from 5 - 7 pm, Tuesday, May 9th before the funeral service at 7 pm at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. The interment will be at 11 am, Wednesday, May 10th at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

◆ **Hazel Louise Mason Lowry**, passed away Sunday, May 7th. She was a lifelong resident of Niota. She graduated from Tennessee Wesleyan College with a degree in elementary education. She taught for 33 years in the McMinn County School System, most of those years were spent teaching 7th and 8th grade English at Niota Elementary School. She enjoyed gardening and being outdoors, spending many hours in her vegetable and flower gardens. In 2015, Hazel was honored as Mother of the Year by the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce. A funeral service will be at 11 am, Friday, May 12th at Mt. Harmony Baptist Church. Interment will follow in Mt. Harmony Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday, May 11th from 4 - 7 pm at Smith Funeral Home. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

◆ **Gary Lamar Long**, age 80, passed away May 6th in Decatur. Companion Funeral Home of Cleveland is in charge of arrangements.

Soap Box Derby Continued

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The track is approximately 950 feet of racing, with a long runout area. The races are electronically timed and are double elimination, lane swap, wheel swap, time differential races. This means that each "race" consists of two runs down the hill with a common opponent. In the first phase of the heat, the cars race on their own wheels in a starting lane. When the cars cross the finish line, the timer records the difference of the two racers. The racers are taken back to the top where they will switch wheels and lanes and make a second run. The lowest total time down the hill, in two runs under the same conditions, is declared the winner of the race. The Soap Box Derby practice begins at 7:15 a.m., with opening ceremonies scheduled for 8:00 a.m. and the first heats immediately following. Live race coverage can be heard on WYXI radio AM 1390 and FM 94.5. Admission to the Athens Soap Box Derby is free. For more information, please contact the Office of Parks & Recreation at (423) 744-2704.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT
Major averages closed little changed. European and Asian equities were mostly higher. Gold and oil prices closed higher. Interest rates were higher, and the 10-year Treasury yield remains near 3.5%. At the closing bell, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 55.69 to 33,618.69. The S&P 500 was up 1.87 to 4,138.12, and The Nasdaq Composite was down 21.50 to 12,256.92.



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