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Friday, May 19, 2023 Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

✓ With the anticipated inclement weather forecast for Saturday, May 20th, McMinn County High School's Commencement has been moved to the school's gymnasium. The ceremony will begin at 9:00 a.m., doors will open at 7:30 a.m. Each graduating student will be provided tickets for gymnasium seating with overflow areas provided. Central High School's Commencement will be held in the CHS Gymnasium on Friday, May 19th, at 7:00 pm, doors will open at 6:00 pm. Tickets will be distributed to each graduating student. Overflow areas will also be provided at Central High School.

✓ Warmer weather is almost here and *National MooFest 2023* is fast approaching. *MooFest* will be on Saturday, June 3rd from 10 am to 5 pm and is presented by AgCentral, The City of Athens, McMinn County, Friendly City Festivals, and Mayfield Dairy Farms. The festival is filled with fun-filled activities throughout the day! The downtown streets will close on Friday, June 2nd at 4 pm. There will be 100+ food, craft and info vendors, the Maggie Strutt begins at 10 am, Athens Soap Box Derby will take place from 7 am to 4 pm, plus there will be Entertainment on Two Stages, Mayfield Dairy Farm Contests, and Interactive Agriculture Exhibits.

Community News Continued

Continued from Column 1: The Athens Lions Club Moo Run will be at the Eureka Trail. For more information and registration information visit AthensTnLions.org. The Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast is scheduled from 6 am to 10:30 am, and Mayfield's will be celebrating 100 years of producing world famous ice cream. For more detailed information visit Friendly City Festivals or Main Street Athens

✓ The *Sounds of Summer* Concerts will be on Fridays this year instead of Saturday at Market Park Pavilion. The first concert is Friday, June 9th and begins at 7 pm. Remember to bring a chair or blanket and relax while listening to good music throughout the summer (June - August). Keep reading the Morning Fax for more information and updates on *MooFest* events and the Sounds of Summer Concerts....

✓ Jerry Mitchell will be singing at Cooke Ministry Center at 7 pm tonight, May 19th.

✓ Athens Community Theatre (ACT) announces auditions for the summer 2023 musical production, *Into the Woods*, with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. Two opportunities to audition are Sunday June 4 at 2 pm, and Monday June 5 at 6:30pm, at The Arts Center. Show dates for *Into the Woods* are August 18 to 27.



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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Joyce Geneva Billings Hicks**, age 95, of Athens, passed away Wednesday, May 17th at her residence. She was a native and lifelong resident of McMinn County. She was a former employee of Niota Hosiery Mill, Woolworth's and retired from Elmore's. A graveside service will be at 11am Friday in McMinn Memory Gardens. There will be no formal visitation. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Cameron Bohannon**, age 17, and would have been 18 on May 18th, passed away Tuesday, May 16th. He was a native and lifelong resident of Athens. He was a member of the MCHS Choir and a MCHS graduate of the class of 2023. Visitation is from 5:30 pm to 9 pm Sunday, May 21st at Laycock Hobbs Funeral Home. A funeral service will be Monday at 12 noon at the funeral home. Interment in the McMinn Memory Gardens.

♦ **Betty Jean Hicks Hickman**, age 91, of Decatur passed away Wednesday, May 17th at the Hospice of Chattanooga Care Center. She was born in McMinn County and grew up in the Hillview Community where she attended the Hillview School and later graduated from Calhoun High School. She had been employed by American Uniform, Cleveland Chair, Simco Leather, and Duckhead. A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20th at Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services with visitation from 12 noon to 2 pm Saturday prior to the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Geraldine "Jeri" Snipes**, age 73, passed away April 22nd at her residence. A memorial service will be announced later for family and friends. Companion Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Thomas Ray Cooper**, age 81, of Athens, passed away Tuesday, May 16th at NHC Healthcare of Athens. He was born in Sweetwater. He retired from Thomas & Betts after 34 years. A graveside service was held yesterday with Companion Funeral Home of Athens in charge.

♦ **Janet A. Anthony**, age 72, passed away May 15th in her home in Madisonville. She was born in Kokomo, Indiana. A celebration of life will be held at a later date in Indiana. Companion Funeral Home is in charge of the local arrangements.

Church News and Events

- The public is invited to the pastor installation service for Rev. William H. Ryan, III at Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Niota. This service will be held on Sunday, May 21st at 3 pm with guest minister, Rev. Kelvert Scruggs, Pastor of New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church (Chattanooga). You are also welcome to attend the morning worship service at 11 am with guest soloist, Margie Moore. The church is located at 711 County Road 275, in Niota.

- Ivan Parker will be at Solid Rock Baptist Church in Calhoun this Saturday May 20th at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome.

- Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

- If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, Mars Hill Presbyterian Church of Athens now offers a GriefShare program each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. For more information call 423-829-5052.

- Celebrate Recovery meets at the following churches: The Englewood Church of God every Sunday at 6 p.m. and Woodward Avenue Church of God every Tuesday at 6 p.m.

♦ **THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** After a solid gain on Wednesday, stocks mounted a late-day rally to add to those gains. There were no official developments from Washington on the debt-ceiling front, but negotiations are ongoing. Interest rates were higher.

At the closing bell the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 115.14 to 33,535.91. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 39.28 to 4,198.05, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 188.27 to 12,688.84.

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