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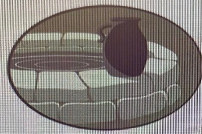
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Athens, Tennessee

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Brenda Diane Howard Helms**, age 70, of Athens, and lifelong resident of McMinn County, passed away on Tuesday, June 13th. Brenda loved spending time with her family and friends, and in her final days stated, "whether I stay or go, I am a winner either way". A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday June 16th at Clear Springs Baptist Church. Graveside services will follow in the Clear Springs Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Church prior to the funeral service. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Troy Ray Sisson**, age 89 of Athens, passed away Tuesday, June 13th surrounded by his family at NHC Health Care of Athens. He was born in McMinn Co., raised in Etowah and graduated from Etowah High School in 1954. Troy spent his career working as a pipefitter for Bowater Paper Mill for 41 years and 11 months before he retired. A funeral service will be at 7:00 p.m. Friday, June 16th at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Friday prior to the service. Family and friends will assemble at Green Hill Cemetery, Saturday, June 17th for the 11:00 a.m. committal service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Terry Lee Bowers**, 65, of Athens, passed away Wednesday, June 14th at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens.

Wednesday's Market Report

Stock markets recovered from their lows of the day as the S&P 500 and Nasdaq closed higher, while the Dow Jones closed lower. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 232.79 to 33,979.33. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 3.58 to 4,372.59 and the NASDAQ Composite Index was 53.16 to 13,626.48.

Community News You Can Use

Mr. Clifton Taulbert will speak on Friday, June 16th at Townsend Auditorium on the campus of TWU at 6:30 pm in celebration of Juneteenth. Mr. Taulbert's title will be "The Tapestry of an Engaged Community, We are the Elders Now." Mr. Taulbert has received numerous awards for his writing, including the 27th annual NAACP Image Award for Literature. He was one of the first African American writers to win the Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters Award for Nonfiction, and was named one of America's outstanding black entrepreneurs by Time magazine. The public is invited.

Dr. Ty Stone will speak on Saturday, June 17th at Market Park Pavilion in downtown Athens at 3:30 pm in celebration of Juneteenth. Dr. Stone is the President of Cleveland State Community College and is also a Veteran of The United States Air Force. There will be many activities, including The Kuumba Watoto Dancers and readings of what Juneteenth means. There's food and fun for the entire family. The activities begin at 3 pm on Saturday, June 17th until 8 pm. The event is sponsored by The Valor Guild, Women United in Community Service, and the McMinn County Branch of the NAACP. The public is invited.

Starr Regional Medical Center will host its monthly Healthy Community Group lunch on Wednesday, June 21st at noon on the Etowah campus, which is located at 886 Highway 411 North, Etowah. Terrie Ruff, LMSW, social worker for Starr Regional's geriatric behavioral health program, Senior Care, will present "Caring for Loved Ones Diagnosed with Dementia" as June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month. The event is free and open to the public. Lunch will be provided for attendees. Anyone planning to attend is encouraged to RSVP to 423.507.3659 or register online at StarrRegional.com/event/83

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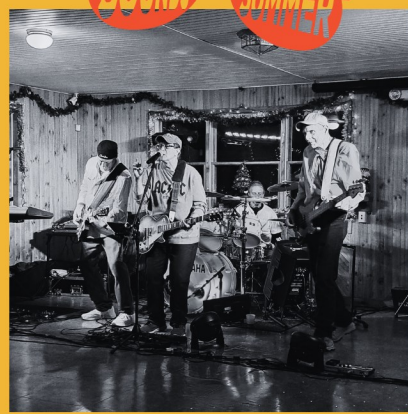
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