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Thursday, July 06, 2023

Athens, Tennessee

Barefield Scholarship Recipients

Now entering its 11th year, the Goldman "Goldie" Barefield Scholarship recipients were recently announced, with Sweetwater High School seniors Allie Jo Howard, Ava Fitch, and Randy Barnes receiving the honor. These recipients have chosen to attend Tennessee Wesleyan University, with scholarships totaling \$6,000.

Pamela Clark of State Farm Insurance in Sweetwater established the Goldman "Goldie" Barefield Annual Scholarship fund in 2012 to carry on her father's legacy. "Goldie" Barefield was a lifelong resident of Etowah and served in the U.S. Army National Guard. Although Mr. Barefield did not have the opportunity to pursue an education, he made it a priority for Clark and her sister to complete their college degrees. Ms. Clark graduated from Tennessee Wesleyan in 1988.

This year, the scholarship committee chose three deserving students from Sweetwater High School based on their application submission. In 11 years, the fund has raised more than \$112,000, benefiting 46 recipients. The award was presented by TWU Admissions Counselor Ariana Conwell at Sweetwater High School's awards night.

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Community News You Can Use

- ✓ Athens City Schools Board of Education meeting will be July 10th at 5:30 p.m. in the Administrative Building. The agenda and packet can be viewed online on the Athens City Schools website.
- ✓ The governing body of McMinn County will convene and meet in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse, Athens, Tennessee in Regular Session which has been moved to July 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm to discuss the Fiscal Year 23-24 Budget, review and Approve contracts, approve budget amendments; hear comments from the audience, and any other business as may legally come before the commissioners.
- ✓ The Friends of Etowah Carnegie Library will hold their monthly book sale on Saturday, July 8th. The book sale is on the first floor of the library and will be open 10am-2pm.
- ✓ The Etowah Library Board will hold their regular meeting at 5pm on Monday, July 10th at the library. This meeting is open to the public. For more information, call (423) 263-9475 or visit online at: etowahlibrary.com
- ✓ Manila Masonic Lodge in Englewood is having a ham and bean luncheon fund raiser on Sunday, July 9th from 11:30 AM TO 2:30 PM or till the food is gone. \$9 per plate; \$5 for children.





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Dbituaries

•Samuel J. Olsen, age 76, of Athens, passed away on July 2nd. Sam was born in Peterborough, NH. He graduated from Cedarville University and went on to receive his Doctor of Ministry from Temple Baptist Seminary in Chattanooga. He and his wife, Judy, served in fulltime ministry for over 50 years. Sam and Judy have 3 children, Deborah, Samuel and Elizabeth. A Celebration of the Grace of God in the Life of Sam Olsen will be held at 12:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Athens on July 22nd. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. prior to the service. A private family interment will be held at Concord Union Church Cemetery, in Evensville on July 7

•Kassity "Kass" Angeline Shadrick, age 27, of Niota passed away, Saturday July 1st. She was a native of Athens and current resident of Niota. She was an employee of Morgan Olson in Loudon. She enjoyed playing sports and loved the mountains and being on the water. Funeral services were on Wednesday. Graveside services will be at 11:00 AM, Thursday, July 6th at Člearwater Cemetery. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

•Raymond Matthew Carter, age 70 of Athens, passed away Sunday, July 2nd at his residence. He was a native and lifelong resident of McMinn County. He was a faithful member of East Athens Baptist Church and he loved his church and the members loved him. He retired from Athens Stove Works and was a former employee of the DPA. A funeral service will be at 2:00 P.M. Friday, July 7th at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Forkner's Chapel Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12:00-2:00 P.M. on Friday at the funeral home. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrange-

•Gail Cochran Anderson, age 89, of Englewood passed away Wednesday, July 5th at her home. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens.

Wednesday's Market Report

Equities closed lower. The June jobs report will be out on Friday, followed by next week's June consumer price index (CPI) report. The results of these upcoming employment and inflation readings will be influential in shaping expectations for upcoming Fed moves and stock- and bond-markets.

At the closing bell, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 129.83 to 34,288.64. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 8.77 to 4,446.82 and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 25.12 to 13,791.65.

♦COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE

Weekly Summary: 06/25/23 - 07/01/2023

There were 172 cases (per day) and 0 deaths (per day) last week 20 633 Total Deaths Tennessee: 2 551 561 Total Cases

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COUNTY	<u>CASES</u>	DEATHS
McMinn	20,190	292
Meigs	4,253	63
Monroe	18,627	279
Polk	5,720	89
Bradley	39,662	468
Rhea	11.949	173

Covid-19 update information from the Tennessee Department of Health is updated on Saturday and posted to their website each Wednesday.





WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday - Periods of sunshine mixed with rain & possible t'storms. Humid. High 88.

Thurs. Night - Cloudy & Humid. Low 69.

/Friday - Cloudy & Humid. Possible rain. High 87.

Friday Night - Cloudy & humid. Possible t'storm. Low 67. Saturday - Humid mixed with sun.

Possible t'storm in p.m. High 88. Weather at: wyxi.com

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Tennessee Wesleyan University Announces Barefield Scholors

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Below are the 3 recipients of the Barefield Scholarship:



ALLIE JO HOWARD - Allie is an exemplary student who often goes above and beyond what is asked of her in the classroom. She prides herself on being a good example to others. When Allie is not excelling in the classroom for herself, she volunteers her time to help in other schools in her community. In addition, Allie volunteers with her church and is a frequent volunteer and participant in numerous parades and festivals.



AVA FITCH - Ava is currently serving as the Junior Main Street President. In this role she serves her community and helps local businesses to become more successful. She was also a member of the SHS Student Council, Beta Club, FCA, and S Club. Each year she volunteers to help with the Bloom, Bluegrass and Barbecue event as well as volunteering at her local high school. "My heart is with the children in our community."



RANDY BARNES - Randy is a proven leader and high academic achiever. In his work as a shift lead, he provides guidance and direction to achieve the desired objectives if his employer. He maintained a 3.9 GPA and was captain of the cross-country team. Additionally, Randy is an accomplished guitarist and bassist and lends his gifts and talents to many churches in the Sweetwater area.

"I am so appreciative to Pamela for her commitment to fund these scholarships at Tennessee Wesleyan," said Blake McCaslin, Vice President for Advancement. "I have been touched by Pamela's deep love for her father and her desire to keep his legacy alive. I am honored to work with her and the committee each year as they select the student recipients."

Submitted by Blake McCaslin