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Monday, July 10, 2023

Athens, Tennessee

## TVFCU Gets High Rank

The Tennessee Valley Federal Credit Union has been recognized by Forbes Magazine as one of the top credit unions in Tennessee. This award is presented annually by Forbes and Statista Inc. and can be viewed on the Forbes website. To gauge which institutions have the most satisfied members, Forbes partnered with market research firm Statista to survey roughly 31,000 people in the U.S. about their financial institutions, evaluating member service, quality of financial advice, online and in-person services, transparency of fees and overall trustworthiness. The study also incorporated Google Reviews and other online ratings. Only 3 percent of the 4,900 credit unions in the U.S. made the list, and TVFCU was among the highest scores awarded to Tennessee credit unions.

## Community News You Can Use

✓The McMinn Meigs Assist program through the United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties (UWMM) still has funds available to assist with rent, utility, and food to any residents who have experienced an unexpected occurrence such as loss of income, medical emergency, or disaster. This program was made available through TVA Community Cares Funds. As of the end of June, 25 applications have been received and five families have been assisted with rent, utilities, and food in the amount of \$3,000. "So many of our neighbors in our community are struggling and have fallen behind on their rent or utilities due to job loss, reduced wages, and medical emergencies," said Paige Zabo, UWMM President and CEO. "This is a very challenging time for so many working families who may have to choose between paying their rent or utilities or buying their medication or food for their family. We hope this program will help them recover from whatever financial distress they have experienced." All applicants must be 18 years of age or older and reside in McMinn or Meigs counties. You can request an application by calling 423-252-4798 and leaving a message, and a McMinn-Meigs Assist agent will return your call. Applications will also be available on the United Way website by clicking on the Our Impact tab and McMinn Assist at [www.uwmmcminn-meigs.com](http://www.uwmmcminn-meigs.com). All completed applications can be emailed to [unitedway@unitedwaymm.com](mailto:unitedway@unitedwaymm.com) or mailed to United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties, P.O. Box 1681, Athens, TN 37371. Applications are NOT available at the United Way office. If you have any questions regarding the application or program, please call 423-252-4798. Community News continued on Page 2

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: [wyxiradio@gmail.com](mailto:wyxiradio@gmail.com)



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• Wednesday-Etowah-10:30 - 2:00  
• Thursday-Athens - Simmons Bank (across from Burkes) - 10:30 - 2:00  
• Friday-Sweetwater-Little Drugs-10:30 - 2:30

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Athens, Tennessee

## Obituaries

♦ **Franklin "Frankie" Eugene Blackwell**, age 53, of Etowah, passed away on July 6<sup>th</sup>. He was a former employee of Galloway Construction. Frankie loved to fish and spend time near the water. A graveside service was held at 2PM Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at Pike Family Cemetery in Polk County. Ziegler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Dodie Regina Ratledge Rogers**, age 57, a lifelong resident of McMinn County, passed away on Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. A celebration of Dodie's life will be held at a later date. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Penny Lynn Perian**, age 65, a resident of Athens, passed away on Thursday night, July 6<sup>th</sup> at her home. She was born in Athens. She was of the Baptist faith and enjoyed moving furniture, shopping and making crafts, but most of all spending time with her family. The family will hold a private gathering. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

### TODAY IS:

- NATIONAL KITTEN DAY
- GLOBAL ENERGY INDEPENDENCE DAY
- INTERNATIONAL TOWN CRIERS DAY (Second Monday in July)
- CHRONIC DISEASE DAY
- NATIONAL CLERIHEW DAY: celebrates a poem style created by Edmund Clerihew Bentley, English humorist and novelist. It's a short comic or nonsensical verse.

## More Community News You Can

✓The McMinn Senior Activity Center will host its community yard sale on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 1pm. The yard sale will take place at the McMinn Senior Activity Center located at 205 McMinn Avenue in Athens. The yard sale is one of the Senior Center's biggest fundraisers of the year and helps to support the costs of the many programs the Center has to offer. Donations will be accepted at the Center from Monday to Friday between the hours of 9am and 1pm. Please do not leave any donations after-hours and please no clothes, large appliances, or broken electronics. Please call the Center to schedule an after-hours drop off appointment at (423) 745-6830. The McMinn Senior Center works to enhance the quality of life of the senior citizens of McMinn County and surrounding communities by providing a broad spectrum of services pertaining to social, nutritional, educational, recreational, physical fitness, physical and emotional health, regardless of income, sex, culture, age, disability, or ethnic origin and to consistently meet the expectations of the community. For more information about this event or other activities at the Center, please contact the McMinn Senior Activity Center at 423-745-6830.

✓All are welcome to a dinner to kick-off the visit from Athens Sister City Isahaya exchange students on Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at Trinity United Methodist Church. The students will give presentations starting at 5:30 pm about differences between Japan and the US, and then Trinity United Methodist church will host a dinner in the fellowship hall.

### FRIDAY'S MARKET REPORT:

Equities closed modestly lower. Interest rates have moved notably higher lately. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Average was down 187.38 to 33,734.88. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 12.64 to 4,398.95, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 18.33 to 13,660.72.

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