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Tuesday, Aug 01, 2023 Athens, Tennessee

Stabbing on Jones Street

Around 3 a.m. Monday morning, officers with the City of Athens Police Department responded to 1211 Jones Street in reference to a stabbing incident. Upon arrival they made contact with a male subject who was lying in the backyard with multiple stab wounds. Detectives with the Athens Police Department responded to the scene for processing and evidence collection. Statements taken from multiple witnesses on scene yielded the incident stemmed from an alcohol fueled domestic argument. The homeowner advised the male suspect showed up at the residence looking for his wife and forced his way into the residence assaulting him and destroying items within the residence. The homeowner further stated that his daughter came to the residence to seek shelter from her drunk husband, who had called her several times making threats before he showed up at the residence. The homeowner advised he grabbed the first thing he could find to stop the attack; a knife was used during the altercation. EMS transported the wounded patient to an undisclosed trauma center for medical treatment. The suspect was undergoing emergency surgery at the time of the press release. "The case is still under investigation and is currently being discussed with the 10th District Attorney General's Office," according to Lieutenant Witt of the Athens Police Department.

Community News You Can Use

✓ The Good Faith Clinic will be open NEXT Tuesday, August 8th 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. It's at 18 Congress Parkway South.

- TODAY IS:**
- National Respect for Parents Day
 - National Minority Donor Awareness Day
 - National Night Out Day (First Tuesday in August)
 - National Raspberry Cream Pie Day
 - National Girlfriend's Day
 - International Child Free Day
 - World Scout Scarf Day
 - International Mahjong Day (a game similar to rummy using designed tiles with Chinese characters and symbols)

If you are widowed, a single parent or living on a fixed income, you may qualify for free oil changes or vehicle inspections, in addition to information about how to best manage your money. Those services will be provided by the McMinn Car Care Ministry [MCCM] through Wellspring Mennonite Church, on Saturday, August 12th. *** Applications for the service must be received by Monday, August 7th. ***

Those who are interested in receiving the service should call the MCCM phone line at 423-263-0160. The service is described as a way to show the love of Christ and help people with practical needs, and it's intended to help single mothers, widows, and others who don't have the money to take care of those needs. The financial seminar won't involve major, in-depth advice, but will cover such basic tips as showing participants how to balance their checkbooks and organize a budget so they have more money coming in than they have going out.

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Ronald Lynn Wooten**, age 79, of Decatur, passed away on Saturday, July 29th. He loved gardening and his animals; he also pastored Seventh-Day Adventist Churches for many years. A Graveside Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, August 3rd in the Walnut Grove Cemetery. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Christopher Lee "Chris" Bridwell**, age 50, of Athens, passed away on Saturday, July 22nd. He was employed with the Athens Plow Company. He was a native of McMinn County. Visitation will be from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM on Wednesday, August 2nd at Ziegler Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow 7:00 PM. Interment will be held on Thursday, August 3rd at 1:00 PM in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Decatur. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Ivette Vasquez**, age 63, of Athens, passed away Saturday, July 29th at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga. She was a native of New York and had lived in Athens for the last year. Visitation will be at Smith Funeral Home, Sunday, August 6th from 3:00-5:00 pm. There will be no formal service. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Danny Clyde Curnutt**, age 83, of Ten Mile, passed away on Sunday, July 30th. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, August 2nd at 11 a.m. at Faith Baptist Church (110 Eaves Ferry Rd, Decatur, TN 37322). Interment will follow in the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery with Military Honors. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 1st at Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Patrick Lynn Boyd**, a native of Niota, passed away on Sunday, July 30th. He was an employee of Ironcraft in Decatur. Patrick loved his job, he loved farming, tractors and working in his garden. Visitation will be from 5-7 Wednesday, August 2nd at Good Samaritan Funeral Home, Athens with the funeral at 7. Interment will be Thursday, August 3rd at 11 a.m. at Niota Cemetery. Family and friends will assemble at 10 a.m. at the funeral home to proceed to Niota Cemetery. Good Samaritan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Zella Mae Smith**, age 85, passed away on Tuesday, July 25th in the comfort of her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Niota, and raised in the Oak Grove community. She also worked in McMinn County voting precincts. Home Going Celebration services will be held Tuesday, August 1st at 2:00 p.m. at the Light of Life Faith Ministries International in Athens. Visitation will be one hour before the service at the church from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow the service at Lanetown Cemetery, in Niota. M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Athens Federal Foundation

The Athens Federal Foundation announced recently that it will award at least \$267,500 to area IRS-qualifying charitable organizations during the 2023 calendar year. Grant applications are now available online at www.athensfederalfoundation.com. Applications will be accepted from August 1 – 15, 2023 via email only: <mailto:athensfederalfoundation@gmail.com>. Grant recipients will be announced in October and awards will be distributed during the fourth quarter. All non-profit organizations in the Athens Federal Foundation service area that fit the organization's mission are encouraged to apply, including those in Bradley, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe and Polk counties. The Foundation anticipates receiving more requests for support than it can approve but encourages all applicants to apply and keep the Foundation informed of their activities and needs. In 2022, the Foundation awarded \$256,800 to 29 local non-profit and charitable organizations. The Athens Federal Foundation was established by Athens Bancshares Corporation, the holding company for the former Athens Federal Community Bank, and its shareholders as part of the Bank's 2009 stock conversion. The Foundation was created to provide funding and support for charitable causes within Bradley, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe and Polk counties. In conjunction with the initial stock offering, Athens Bancshares Corporation contributed \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) of Athens Bancshares Corporation stock and \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars) in cash to the Foundation. The Foundation's mission is to "support and fund community development via affordable housing, job training and programs that assist the economically disadvantaged. The Foundation will also consider requests for educational initiatives, health care programs and supportive human service programs. The Foundation continues to narrow its mission to better focus on health, safety and the security of human life." According to Foundation President and CEO Jeff Cunningham, "all local non-profit and charitable organizations with the same or similar missions are encouraged to apply for 2023 grants. There is no denying the overwhelming need in our community and the Foundation is dedicated to its mission of providing support for essential program development." He continued, "... we expect the Foundation's assets to continue to grow, allowing us to grant additional funds each year to deserving causes." For more information about the Athens Federal Foundation or its grants for the 2023 calendar year, visit athensfederalfoundation.com or email athensfederalfoundation@gmail.com

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