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Thursday, October 12, 2023

Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

✓ The City of Athens Public Works Department announces loose leaf collection routes will begin on Monday, October 30th at 7:00 a.m. If you would like your leaves to be collected, please rake them three to five feet from the edge of the road as soon as they fall to the ground. Do not place leaves in the road, in drainage ditches, or on sidewalks. In areas where there are sidewalks, leaves should be placed behind the sidewalk and leaf crews will pick them up. Do not place leaves around or behind obstacles such as mailboxes, trees, fences, poles, yard decorations and vehicles, on water meter lids, sewer caps, manhole covers, or sewer clean out plugs. Leaves are not picked up on a call-in basis. Leaf crews will work in specified zones throughout the city. Once they complete a zone, they will move on to the next zone in the series. Once crews complete all zones once, they will start back at the first zone and go through all zones a second time. For information on which zone the leaf crews are currently working, or to find out your zone, visit www.athensga.gov/publicworks for more information or call the Athens Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.

✓ The Meigs Decatur Library Book Sale is October 18th - October 21st, a Friends of the Library Fundraising event. Huge selection of children's books, teen and young adults. Puzzles, DVD's, Games. All proceeds support programs throughout Meigs County to promote literacy.

✓ North McMinn Firehouse is having an open house this Saturday, October 14th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MVA Hwy 307/CR 422

The driver of a 2018 Chevrolet Cruze lost control close to 4:30 Tuesday afternoon at the intersection of Hwy 307 & Co Rd 422, Athens. Passengers were injured in the car, and one was transported to Starr Regional Hospital Athens by AMR. Athens Rural Fire, Englewood Rural, Niota Rural Fire, Monroe County Sheriff's Department and the THP all responded with THP Sgt Kyle Millsaps investigating the accident. Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department.



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: wyradio@gmail.com



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WEATHER FORECAST
Thursday - Partly sunny and warmer. High 89.
Thurs. Night - Some Clouds. Low 52.
Friday - Comfortable with sometimes clouds and sun. High 75,
Friday Night - Partly Cloudy & Mild. Possible rain showers. Low 59.
Saturday - Clouds mixed with sun. High 79.
Weather at: wyradio.com



McMinn County Living Heritage Museum

Upcoming Events

HERITAGE SCHOOL
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH FROM 11:00AM - 12:30PM
JOIN US FOR A DEMONSTRATION ON AN ART FORM THAT HAS BEEN AROUND FOR CENTURIES! FIND YOUR NEW HOBBY.

A WALK THROUGH HISTORY TOUR
SUNDAY OCTOBER 22ND FROM NOON - 4:00 PM
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More Information

522 W Madison Ave.
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www.livingheritagemuseum.org

Oct 14



10AM - 5PM DOWNTOWN ATHENS



ACTIVITIES

ENTERTAINMENT

- CASA CORRIDOR OF EAST TN
- CELEBRITY DUNKING BOOTH
- SCOTT CRISP MEMORIAL POW WOW
- LIVING HERITAGE MUSEUM QUILT SHOW
- MUTT STRUTT / ADOPT-A-THON
- HISTORICAL WALKING TOURS
- PUMPKIN PLINKO
- PUMPKIN PAINTING AT THE ARTS CENTER

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Debra "Debbie" Wilson Miller**, age 65, of Athens, passed away Tuesday, October 10th at Fort Sanders Hospital in Knoxville. She was a lifelong resident of Athens. Debbie was a longtime member of East Athens Baptist Church and attended Miracle Deliverance Tabernacle. She had served as an EMT, a medical assistant and was associated with Health Works in Cleveland. Funeral services will be at 2:30 pm Saturday, October 14th at Ziegler Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be Saturday, October 14th from 12:00 pm until 2:30 pm prior to the funeral service at Ziegler Funeral Home. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Dr. John S. Powers**, age 68, of Cleveland, passed away Monday, October 9th after nearly a year long battle with leukemia. He was a graduate of Tennessee Wesleyan College, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he earned a Doctor of Ministry. He was a Baptist pastor, leading churches in Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia, as well as speaking at numerous conferences throughout his 48 year career. John authored several books including Body Life Journey, Redefining Church Membership, and I believe. Within the last 10 months, John wrote Clear and Canary in the Coal Mine, both of which were inspired by his fight with leukemia. After retiring from the ministry, John along with two business partners, started a successful railcar repair business. The business was recently voted the number one railcar repair company in the United States. A funeral service will be conducted at 11:00 am, Saturday, October 14th at First Baptist Church of Cleveland. Visitation will immediately follow the service at the church. The interment will be at 3:00 pm, Saturday, October 14th at Shell-Guffey Cemetery. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

Senior Olympics Golf Gold

✓The Southeast Tennessee District of the Senior Olympics is pleased to announce the gold medal winners for the first time SE TN District Games have been held in four years. Mike Blunt and Bob De Young both won the gold medal in their age divisions for golf during the first of the SE TN District Games held at the Mouse Creek Course in Athens. The Annual Tennessee Senior Olympics is a multi-sports competition for athletes 50 and older that combines a wide range of competitive activities. The Senior Olympics aims to promote healthy lifestyles for seniors through fitness, sports, and active involvement in life.



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Starr Regional Medical Center awarded Chest Pain Center Reaccreditation

The American College of Cardiology (ACC) has recognized Starr Regional Medical Center for its demonstrated expertise and commitment in treating patients with chest pain. Starr Regional Medical Center recently was awarded Chest Pain Center reaccreditation based on rigorous onsite evaluation of the staff's ability to evaluate, diagnose and treat patients who may be experiencing a heart attack. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 730,000 Americans suffer a heart attack each year. The most common symptom of a heart attack for both men and women is chest pain or discomfort. However, women are more likely to have atypical symptoms. Other heart attack symptoms include, but are not limited to, tingling or discomfort in one or both arms, back, shoulder, neck or jaw, shortness of breath, cold sweat, unusual tiredness, heartburn-like feeling, nausea or vomiting, sudden dizziness and fainting. "Earning Chest Pain Center Accreditation is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our clinical team, our community partners and the ACC, who have been working collaboratively to ensure our hospital is prepared to provide high quality care to patients when heart attacks strike," said John McLain, Starr Regional Medical Center CEO. "Starr Regional Medical Center's top priority is to provide quality healthcare close to home, and this accomplishment demonstrates one of the many ways we continually work to enhance and improve our services and advance our mission of making communities healthier." Hospitals that have earned ACC Chest Pain Center Accreditation have proven exceptional competency in treating patients with heart attack symptoms. They have streamlined their systems from admission to evaluation to diagnosis and treatment all the way through to appropriate post-discharge care and recommendations and assistance in patient lifestyle changes. "Starr Regional Medical Center has demonstrated its commitment to providing McMinn County with excellent heart care," said Deepak L. Bhatt, MD, MPH, FACC, chair of the ACC Accreditation Management Board. "ACC Accreditation Services is proud to award Starr Regional Medical Center with Chest Pain Center Accreditation." Hospitals receiving Chest Pain Center Accreditation from the ACC must take part in a multi-faceted clinical process that involves completing a gap analysis, examining variances of care, developing an action plan, undergoing a rigorous onsite review and monitoring for sustained success. Improved methods and strategies of caring for patients include streamlining processes, implementing guidelines and standards and adopting best practices in the care of patients experiencing the signs and symptoms of a heart attack. Facilities that achieve accreditation meet or exceed an array of stringent criteria and have organized a team of doctors, nurses, clinicians and other administrative staff that earnestly support the efforts leading to better patient education and improved patient outcomes. "People tend to wait when they think they might be having a heart attack, and that's a mistake," said Ronald Hall, RN, Starr Regional Medical Center Chief Nursing Officer. "The average patient arrives in the emergency department more than two hours after the onset of symptoms, but what they don't realize is that the sooner a heart attack is treated, the less damage to the heart and the better the outcome for the patient. With our reaccreditation, we hope to bring greater awareness to the importance of timely care and help even more people in McMinn County and the surrounding communities." The ACC offers U.S. and international hospitals like Starr Regional Medical Center access to a comprehensive suite of cardiac accreditation services designed to optimize patient outcomes and improve hospital financial performance. These services are focused on all aspects of cardiac care, including emergency treatment of heart attacks.

Market Report

Long-term bond yields declined for the third day in a row. Exxon Mobil agreed to buy Pioneer Natural Resources for nearly \$60 billion in an all-stock merger. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 65.57 to 33,804.87. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 18.71 to 4,376.95 and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 96.83 to 13,659.68.

TODAY IS:

- **National Farmers Day**
- **National Gumbo Day**
- **National Savings Day**
- **National Vermont Day**
- **National Sight Day (2nd Thursday in Oct.)**

Covid Update

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE

Weekly Summary Thru 10/07/2023

Tennessee:	2,608,992 Total Cases	29,880 Total Deaths
COUNTY	CASES	DEATHS
McMinn	20,383	295
Meigs	4,354	65
Monroe	19,052	278
Polk	5,827	89
Bradley	40,394	475
Rhea	12,203	175

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