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Where There's Smoke There's Fire

It's often true that where there's smoke, there's fire. But the smoke you may see on the horizon coming from Polk County is nothing to get worried about. The United States Forest Service announced recently that crews will conduct controlled burns from now through the winter months in both Polk and Monroe Counties. Controlled burns are implemented in accordance with a written plan that prescribes specific weather, smoke dispersion, and other environmental conditions before crews proceed. Conditions identified in the prescription occur more frequently here during winter months, a release says. These burns help clear off brush that can help wildfires spread, as well as replenish the soil. Here's a look at what's planned and where in Polk County:

- Towee/Wildcat/Loss Creek (2,653 acres)
 - Between NFSR 2015, NFSR 2016, NFST 152/82, the Hiwassee River and NFSR 108. Island Creek (447 acres)
 - Between Parksville Lake and NFSR 302. Johnson Branch (943 acres)
 - Between Parksville Lake and NFSR 302, 302A and near Camp Cherokee. Sina Branch (608 acres)
 - Between NFSR 67 and 99. Sheeds Creek (3,042 acres)
 - Between NFSR 221 and 62. Chestnut Mountain (1,605 acres)
 - Between NFSR 221, NFSR 221E, NFSR 62 and NFST 145. Small wildlife fields
- The release says crews aren't able to provide exact days when these controlled burns will happen, saying weather conditions often prevent the burns from commencing until the day of.

LISTENING REMINDER: This week's guest on Main Street Moments will be Julie Simbeck with Athens Area Chamber of Commerce. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5.

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The Good Faith Clinic's schedule has changed for October 31st and will be a refill and flu shot only clinic beginning at 3:00. The Good Faith Clinic is free primary health care for residents of McMinn and Meigs counties, ages of 18-64, who do not have any form of medical insurance, including TennCare. The clinic meets on the campus of Christ Community Church at 18 S Congress Parkway in Athens.
- ✓ The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following closure: The area to be affected is the Downtown City Parking Lot at the corner of Jackson Street and Madison Avenue. This closure will be on Tuesday, October 31st from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Motorists are advised to use extreme caution, watch for pedestrians, and work crews. The purpose of this closing is for the 2023 Downtown Halloween celebration. For more information, please contact the City of Athens Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.
- ✓ Clearwater Baptist Church and Upward Sports basketball and cheer-leading registration for boys and girls K4 thru 6th grade basketball will be November 3rd from 6pm to 8pm or November 4th from 9am to 12 pm, or you can register online at clearwaterbc.org/upward Games will be played on Saturday's in January and February.

FOOTBALL SCORES: McMinn County High School lost to Walker Valley 14-17. McMinn Central lost to Chattanooga Central 55-62. Meigs County defeated Tyner Academy 13-6. Polk County lost to York Institute 12-40. Sweetwater lost to Brainerd 14-22. **Tennessee defeated Kentucky 33-27.**

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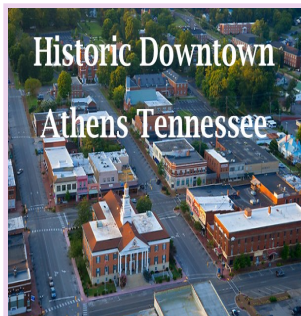
Monday Lunch- Decatur (across from McDonalds) 11-1:30
Monday Evening-The Sock Shop 5-7 p.m.
Tuesday-Madisonville-10:30 - 1:30
Tuesday Evening Zion Hill Church (Hallelujah Haven) 6-8 p.m.
Wednesday-Etowah Depot-10:30 - 2:00
Thursday-Athens - Harbor Freight- 10:30 -2:00
Friday-Sweetwater-Little Drugs-10:30 - 2:30

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Obituaries

♦ **Cecileia Ruth Farmer Shultz**, age 76, of Athens, passed away on Thursday, October 26th surrounded by family. She was raised in the Big Springs Community of Meigs County where she graduated from Meigs County High School. After graduation from high school, Cecileia entered college at Carson Newman College, where she majored in Home Economics Education. Upon graduation in 1969, she obtained a job teaching Home Economics near her home community at Birchwood Elementary. She worked with the McMinn County Agricultural Extension Service and the Madisonville Health Department educating mothers in the Women's Infants and Children's program (WIC) on how to live and eat healthy. She and her husband Wade farmed everything from beef cattle and hay to row crops to apple trees. In the early 1980's, they started researching and planting apple trees which led to the creation of Shultz Farm Foods. Until most recently, this business operated every growing season for nearly 35 years, selling apples, dried apples, apple stack cakes, apple butter and their famous fried pies. Cecileia enjoyed preparing the various items to sell. It was in this business she educated thousands of school-aged children in the area on farm living. She was a gifted vocalist, and sang in numerous choirs throughout the years. She also sang solos at church events, weddings and funerals. Cecileia was always involved with her local church, and as a child and teenager, at every church her father pastored. After marriage, she and Wade were members of Double Springs Baptist Church, where she was involved with teaching children and singing in the choir. Later, they moved their membership to Goodsprings Baptist Church where she again was a choir member, but also served in children's, youth, and music ministries there. In their retirement years, she and Wade have been members of First Baptist Church, Etowah, where she again was involved in teaching children and singing in the choir. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, November 3rd in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Friday prior to the service. Interment will follow the service in Double Springs Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Obituaries Continued

♦ **Pauline Sherwood Clowers**, age 70, of Englewood, passed away Saturday, October 28th at Etowah Health Care Center. She was a former employee of Eureka Garment Company and Homestead Inn. Funeral services will be 2:00 pm Tuesday, Oct 31st, at Ziegler Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Clearwater Cemetery. The family will receive friends Tuesday, Oct. 31st at Ziegler Funeral Home from 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm. Ziegler Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Jesse Curtis Bookout**, age 41, of Athens, passed away Saturday, October 28th. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Ziegler Funeral Home.

♦ **Betty Vaughn**, age 86, of the Shiloh Community, near Decatur, passed away Saturday, October 28th at her home. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Ziegler Funeral Home.

♦ **Mary Sue (Skyles) Pemberton**, age 73, of Athens, passed away on October 26th. She was a member of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Sweetwater. A memorial service celebrating Mary's life will be held on Saturday, November 4th at 11:00 AM at the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church located at 105 County Road 313 Sweetwater. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Mary Louise McCulloch Wattenbarger**, age 83, passed away on October 27th at Dominion Senior Living Center of Athens. Louise attended Niota Elementary School and McMinn County High School and worked at Crescent Hosiery Mill. When she married Ogle in 1962, she faithfully served along side of him in his ministry. She spent three years working at Emory University Hospital to support them as Ogle was attending seminary. They spent 32 years in ministry together in the United Methodist Church throughout East Tennessee as she served as his secretary most of that time and was always willing to work in the churches in whatever capacity was necessary. Louise was a member of Allen Memorial United Methodist Church, their last appointment before retirement in 2000. She also loved attending Trinity United Methodist Church where their daughter serves as Associate Pastor. Visitation will be from 5-7pm on Wednesday, November 1st at Laycock Hobbs Funeral Home. The Celebration of Life service will be at 1pm Thursday, November 2nd at Trinity United Methodist Church in Athens followed by a committal service at McMinn Memory Gardens. Laycock Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.



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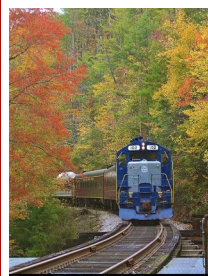
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