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Community News You Can Use

DOWNTOWN HALLOWEEN IS TODAY:

- ✓ Join Downtown Athens businesses and community organizations for a fun and safe night of tricks and treats with a costume contest, trick-or-treating, and activities for the family from 5 to 7 p.m.
- ✓ The McMinn County Historical Society will meet Sunday, November 5th at 2 p.m. in the blue room of the McMinn County Courthouse. Special guest will be McMinn County Sheriff, Joe Guy, Author and Historian, discussing "Washington Crossing the Delaware". The public is welcome to attend this meeting. Election of new officers will be held at this meeting, and only members may vote. For more information, call 423-744-3911.
- ✓ The Etowah Library Board will meet at 5pm on Monday, November 9th at the library. This meeting is open to the public. For more information, call (423) 263-9475 or visit us online at www.etowahlibrary.com
- ✓ Tennessee Wesleyan University will host "A Cure for Hate" on Thursday, November 2nd, in Townsend Auditorium on the college's campus. Author Tony McAleer spent 15 years in the white supremacist neo-Nazi movement. After over a thousand hours of individual and group counseling, he became instrumental to helping found Life After Hate, an organization supporting those considering exiting Hate Groups. He is the author of The Cure for Hate: A Former White Supremacist's Journey from Violent Extremism to Radical Compassion, published by Arsenal Pulp Press. He also has a TED Talk available on "Radical Compassion" on TEDx. The community is invited to attend this free event sponsored by the Tennessee Holocaust Commission, the TWU Office of Multicultural Affairs, and TWU History Department.

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Obituaries

♦ **Betty Lou Carter Vaughn**, age 86, passed away on Saturday, October 28th at her residence. She was a resident of the Shiloh community in Decatur. Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM Wednesday, November 1st at Short Creek Baptist Church. Interment will follow in the Shiloh Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM Wednesday, prior to the funeral service at Short Creek Baptist Church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Betty Kate Vincent Wiley**, age 82, of Athens, passed away at UT Medical Center on Sunday, October 29th. She was a native and lifelong resident of McMinn County, and was a longtime member of East Athens Baptist Church. Betty was a retired sales associate from Sears. Visitation will be from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM on Thursday, November 2nd at Ziegler Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM at the funeral home. Interment will follow directly after the service at Clear Springs Cemetery in Athens. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Lucille Yvonne Varro**, age 81, and a resident of this community, passed away on October 30th. Lucille's career was marked by her unwavering commitment to care, having served as a Nurse aide for over two decades. Her healing touch and kind-hearted nature provided comfort and solace to countless individuals during their times of need. A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held on November 18th at the Community Baptist Church, located at 120 County Road 287 in Niota. Companion Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Caney Fork River Drowning

A 69-year-old Cannon County man drowned Saturday on the Caney Fork River in DeKalb County. Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) officers responded to a call of an overturned kayak just after 11:00 a.m. (CDT), October 28th. The man and his wife, from Cannon County left the Buffalo Valley Boat Ramp by kayak. The man's kayak struck a tree and flipped. Rescuers searched the area, and the body was found in eight feet of water by a Tennessee Highway Patrol helicopter, less than 100 yards from where the man overturned. DeKalb County Sheriff, DeKalb County Rescue, Smith County Rescue, The Army Corp of Engineers, and the Tennessee Highway Patrol assisted in rescue efforts. The man was not wearing a lifejacket. His body was recovered and taken to the DeKalb County Hospital. This is the 24th boating fatality this year. This incident remains under investigation.

Food City Holiday Food Drive

Food City is preparing to kick-off their sixth annual Friends & Pets in Need Holiday Food Drive. Beginning November 1st and continuing through December 31st. Specially marked bags containing non-perishable food items, as well as bags containing pet food products will be available for purchase for only \$15 (plus tax) at all area Food City locations. Customers wishing to purchase the bags may deposit them in the collection bins located at the front of the store. 100% of the products collected will benefit local hunger relief organizations and animal shelters throughout the region. "Millions of Americans and animals need food assistance each year. The Food City Friends & Pets in Need Holiday Food Drive is another way we can help those in need right here in our own area," adds Kevin Stafford, vice president of marketing for Food City. "Food City's ongoing hunger relief initiatives have been a tremendous success and we are hoping to set a new record with this year's drive to help our neighbors and furry friends in need."

October 31, 2023
5-7pm

Downtown Halloween



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