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Athens, Tennessee

#### Friday, November 17, 2023

# **Community News You Can Use**

## **Davis Retires From Museum**

The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum is now under new leadership. As of Tuesday afternoon, Ann Davis, the Director of the Museum



for almost 30 years has retired, for the second time. The new Director of the Museum is Brett King, a graduate of the US Air Force Academy and a former Tanker/ Cargo pilot with the USAF. King is a recent newcomer to McMinn County, moving his family here from Colorado after retiring from the military. WYXI RADIO and The Morning Fax conducted an indepth interview with Davis and King about her departure and his new job. It will be broadcast today from approximately 8:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on AM-1390 and FM 94.5. We hope you will thank Ann Davis for her many years of service and leadership at the museum and meet and congratulate Dr. King for his new role in our community.

✓ Performances for Jazzy Little Christmas are December 8 thru 10th. Limited tickets remain, patrons are encouraged to purchase tickets as soon as possible. AACA cannot guarantee availability. "Jazzy" shows are Friday, December 8, at 7:30 PM; Saturday, December 9, at 7:30 PM; and Sunday, December 10, at 2. For more information visit athensartscouncil.org or call 423-745-8781. The Arts Center is located in Historic Downtown Athens, Tennessee, in the Main Street District, at 320 North White Street.

✓ There will be no monthly meetings for the Cherokee Beekeepers Association for the months of November and December 2023. The meetings will resume in January 2024. At that time, the meetings will again take place on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

The Tennessee Highway Patrol will be conducting a Sobriety Checkpoint on December 31<sup>st</sup> in McMinn County at 10 p.m. on Hwy 30 at Denso Drive. The scheduled checkpoint is contingent upon manpower and weather conditions.



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NOVEMBER 19TH, 4:30-5:30 PM

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Union McMinn Baptist Church

I-75, Exit 56 (314 Co. Rd. 316), Niota

Friday, Nov. 17th, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 18th, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 19th, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Monday, (FINAL DAY) Nov. 20th, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Superior Service For Your Loved One In Your Greatest Time Of Need



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# SNOWBALL Chance To Win!

\$250 Shopping Spree Stop by one or all of the participating Downtown Merchants and throw your Snowball (name) into a bucket for a chance to win \$250 in Main Street Bucks!

Drawing: Dec 1st

Friday, Nov 17th -Sat, Nov 25th Hosted by: Main Street Athens

Athens Arts Center: 320 N. White Street White Street Market: 216 N. White Street Birds of A Feather: 210 N. White Street Grandmas Bakery: 116 N. White Street Downtown Beauty Lounge: 201 N. White Street Sweet & Sassy Too: 4 S. White Street Heritage Antiques: 115 E. Madison Avenue The Bronzing Beauty: 517 W. Madison Avenue **Greeks Bearing Gifts: 11 N. Jackson Street** Gallery Boutique: 122 N. Jackson Street All Things New Boutique: 202 E. Washington Ave Sliger's Jewelers: 116 E. Washington Ave Down To Earth Gifts: 115 E. Washington Ave Creekside Wellness: 6 W. Washington Ave Pair-A-Dice Games: 2 W. Washington Ave Fuller's Frame Shop: 300 W. Bank Street



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### **Obituaries**

•Patrick Jan Cooley, of Riceville, passed away on Tuesday, November 14. He was born in Athens and moved to Cleveland, in his childhood. He was a hardworking, passionate man who loved God and his country, and he served his country proudly. Patrick was a veteran serving in the US Army and National Guard Reserves. He was a paratrooper in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division and participated in missions in twenty-seven countries. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved hunting., fishing, and spending time in nature. Services will be held at a later date. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

•Christine Ann Walker, age 53, of Decatur, passed away on November 14, after a long battle with Multiple Myeloma Cancer. Chrissy was born in Ranson, WV. Chrissy is a 1989 graduate of Jefferson High School in Jefferson County, WV. She has held a variety of jobs throughout her career, all centered around helping people in some way. Helping people is what Chrissy did full-time - all of the time. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

•Minnie Mae Bridwell Thomas, age 91, longtime resident of McMinn County, passed away at Life Care Center of Athens on Wednesday, November 15. Visitation will be from 10:00 AM on Monday, November 20, at St. Mary Catholic Church. A funeral mass will follow at 10:30 AM. Interment will follow at Walnut Grove Cemetery in Decatur. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## **Church News and Events**

-Union McMinn Baptist Church located at I-75, Exit 56 in Niota will be collecting shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse today, tomorrow, Sunday, and Monday. See their ad on page 2 for specific times.

-East Athens Baptist Church Thanksgiving Food Basket Giveaway is November 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Baskets will be given away first come first served. See their ad on page 2. -Harvest Day Will Be Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at Freedman Chap-

-Harvest Day Will Be Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at Freedman Chapel CP Church. The speaker will be Minister Kay Nash. Service starts at 11 am.

-Mr. Avi Snyder, missionary for Jews for Jesus will be speaking at Athens Church of the Nazarene on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 10AM and 11AM. Please come and join us for this special time of teaching and preaching.

-Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

-McMahan Calvary Baptist Church is having a special Thanksgiving service this Sunday at 11 a.m. with a meal following and you're invited to attend. Their address is 569 Co Rd 172, Athens. - Celebrate Recovery meets at the following churches: The Englewood Church of God every Sunday at 6 p.m. and Woodward Avenue Church of God every Tuesday at 6 p.m.

-Mars Hill Presbyterian Church (205 North Jackson Street) is sponsoring a free children's playgroup on Mondays, 9-11 a.m. for ages 0-5. For additional information, contact the Church Office (423-745-1403) or Mary Ann Reed (910-200-2905).

