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Athens Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet

The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce 78th Annual Meeting was held last evening at The Barn at Faith Farms. The following were recipients of this year's awards:

Man of the Year: Randy Mullins
Farmer of the Year: Perry Philpott
Teacher of the Year: Emily Armstrong
Young Man of the Year: Dr. Tyler Forrest
Young Woman of the Year: Bradi Sewell
Woman of the Year: Lois Preece
Mother of the Year: Geri Brown
Diplomat of the Year: Hunter Starr

Community News You Can Use

- McMinn Living Heritage Museum's Trash and Treasure Sale is April 22nd - 27th during regular museum hours come shop and find your treasure!
- On behalf of Lisa Mayfield (Board Chair) and Main Street Board of Directors, all Main Street Property & Business Owners, Collaboration Partners, Volunteers and Friends are invited to the annual business partner celebration on April 30 from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Event Space on 3 West College Street, Athens. This event will offer delicious food, Mayfield ice cream, and more! The goal is to entertain supporters, as well as inform, educate and encourage everyone to continue to invest in the revitalization of historic downtown Athens by sharing updates of the progress and future plans. Please RSVP via email info@mainstreetathens.org, text or call 423-333-0329 by April 24th.
- The McMinn Senior Activity Center is pleased to welcome the Mid-East Tennessee Community Chorus as they perform "A Night of Broadway" on Sunday, May 5, at 4:00 pm. This project is funded under a Grant Contract with the State of Tennessee Arts Commission. The concert is free and open to the public.
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TODAY IS...

- National Garlic Day
- National Oklahoma City Bombing Commemoration Day
- National North Dakota Day
- National Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet Day (Third Friday In April)

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Obituaries

◆ **Claude Henry Anderson**, age 92, a cherished resident of Englewood, passed away on April 16.

He was a native of Murphy, North Carolina and a longtime resident of Englewood. Claude was a former member of Mt. Harmony Baptist Church in Niota, and the First Baptist Church of Englewood. Claude was a devoted husband of 72 years to Marilyn (Gail) Cochran Anderson, who preceded him in death. Claude proudly served in the US Air Force, demonstrating courage and commitment.

After retiring from the 20 years of service in the military he continued his service working for the US Postal Service, where he worked diligently for another 20 years.

Mr. Anderson was an avid golfer often playing 3 or more times per week, and loved coaching his children and teaching his grandchildren the game he so loved. He was a proud member of the Springbrook Country Club in Niota, for more than 40 years, where he formed lasting friendships and created countless memories. A funeral service will be conducted at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 23, at Smith Funeral Home. Interment will be on Wednesday April 24 at 11 a.m. in Mt. Harmony Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home prior to the service. Smith Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

◆ **Pamela "Pam" Lea Squires**, age 58, of Cartersville, GA., formerly of Decatur, passed away on Sunday, April 14. A Celebration of Life memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, April 20, at Bethsadia Baptist Church in Decatur. Leaf Cremation of Acworth, GA was in charge of arrangements, obit submitted by Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah.

◆ **John O. Wilson**, age 67, passed away on April 5. John was born and raised in Tuscumbia, Alabama. He has been in Tennessee for almost 20 years. In honor of his wishes, there will be no formal services at this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is honored to assist his family with these arrangements.

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Church News and Events

- Zion Hill Baptist Church will be hosting a free prayer breakfast on April 20 at TWU dining hall. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 am. Speaker will be Steve Morgan of Cleveland First Baptist Church. An offering will be taken to benefit Miracle Lake Ministries.
- Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- 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 Circle II is sponsoring a fundraiser for Relay for Life Saturday, April 20, at 7:00 p.m. - a concert, "Songs Through the Decades," with special music by local talent. Refreshments will be served. The tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the front door. Mars Hill Presbyterian Church is located at 205 North Jackson Street. All proceeds go to Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society.
- Pleasant Hill Baptist Church will have a community dinner on April 20th from Noon until 2 pm. It will feature Fried Pork Chops with all the fixings as well as dessert and a drink. It is completely FREE and open to all. Pleasant Hill Baptist Church is located at 1923 Pleasant Hill Road in Ten Mile, TN.

AUB POWER RATES FALL IN MAY

- The power rate from Athens Utilities Board (AUB) for the coming month of May will decrease a bit, to \$0.09546 cents per kilowatt hour versus the current rate of \$0.09865.

May will be the second of two consecutive "transition rate" months, which have the lowest per-kilowatt hour charge of the year. Two other transition rate months will come in October/November.

"We are still having some cool nights, falling into the high 30s and many nights in the 40s, so this transition rate will help as customers continue to heat their homes overnight," said AUB's Amy McDonald.

The overall power rate for May is coming down a bit based on the fuel charge from TVA. The charge decreased for May to 1.9 cents versus 2.2 cents in April.

"We are moving toward summer but, for now, we'll enjoy the beautiful springtime weather and the lower power rates that come along with it," McDonald said. About 83 cents of every dollar that AUB's power division collects go to TVA for wholesale power.

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Fire on County Road 607

A vehicle pulling a trailer was traveling on County Road 607, Athens around 3 pm Tuesday when witnesses state that a chain from the trailer was dragging on the pavement sparking and catching the side of the road on fire. The fire spread burning 1/5 of an acre. Etowah Rural Fire, Etowah City Fire and Englewood Rural Fire Departments all responded. Etowah Rural Fire Assistant Chief Kevin Elliott was in command of the scene.

Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department



Community News You Can Use

- East TN Properties, LLC is having a company rummage sale this Saturday, April 20th from 9am-2pm. Money raised will be donated to Relay for Life 2024. See their ad on page 3.
- Niota UMC will host a free all-day summer camp from July 22-26 for kids ages 5-14. Camp includes breakfast and lunch! Camp is free but space is limited. For more information or to sign-up, visit www.campinthecommunity.org/host/niota
- The Sister's Circle of the First Christian Church of Etowah will be conducting a huge indoor yard sale, bake sale and hot dog luncheon at the church fellowship hall located at 701 Ohio Ave, Etowah on Friday, April 19, 8:00 AM until 5:00PM and Saturday April 20, 8:00AM until 2:00PM, The proceeds will assist the church food bank.
- The Cherokee Beekeepers Association will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 23 at 7:00 P.M. The meetings are held at the AgCentral Farmers Cooperative located at 920 Congress Pkwy. N., Athens. The public is always welcome. You do not need to be a member to attend.



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