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State & Local News

◆ EIGHT RUNNING FOR CITY COUNCIL

The deadline ended at noon yesterday, and eight people submitted petitions to the McMinn County Election Commission. The submission of petitions means their names will be on the November ballot for the Athens City Council. Three seats on the council are up for grabs. Those seats are currently held by Bo Perkinson, Dick Pelley, and Yvonne Raper. All three of the incumbents are running for re-election. Eight candidates are running. The top three vote-getters will win the council seats. In addition to Perkinson, Pelley, and Raper, petitions were submitted by: Tracy Carter, Joseph Tom Holmes, Mark Douglas Lockmiller, Jason Pickel, and Frances Witt-McMahan.

◆ PEDESTRIAN KILLED BY TRAIN

A collision between a pedestrian and a Norfolk-Southern train in Calhoun has claimed the life of the pedestrian. A spokesman for Norfolk-Southern says the victim was walking on the tracks when the accident occurred around 11:30 Wednesday night. The westbound train with three locomotives was pulling 53 rail cars. Emergency responders got the call at 11:25 p.m. and were told that the collision happened near a railroad bridge. At this point, authorities have not released the victim's name.

◆ **THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** U.S. stocks finished the day higher, helped by renewed hopes of easing trade tensions and a series of upbeat earnings. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 396 points or 1.6% to 25,559. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 22 points or 0.8% to 2,841, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 32 points or 0.4% to 7,807.

National & World News

◆ A Colorado man is facing charges in connection with the killing of his pregnant wife and two young daughters who went missing earlier this week. A body believed to be Shanann Watts has been recovered. Chris Watts, 33, was booked on three counts each of first-degree murder and tampering with physical evidence.

◆ As wildfires rage across the state, about 1,000 California National Guard soldiers are supporting response efforts by using 22 aircraft to help civil authorities fight the fires, including the MQ-9 Reaper, a remotely piloted drone that can fly up to 24 hours each day. The Reaper maps the behavior of a fire in real time, recording thermal imagery which can be analyzed and shared with California Fire chiefs.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum will present a program on Outdoor Recreation Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The program will feature fly fish tying, gun safety, and outdoor gear by Ridge Outfitters.

◆ ATHENS TO RECEIVE \$25,000 GRANT

The City of Athens Parks and Recreation Department has been named the recipient of a \$25,000 Tennessee Dog Park Dash grant, and all two and four-legged citizens are invited to join in the celebration. Athens Parks and Recreation was one of 36 recipients from across the state of Tennessee to receive a Dog Park Dash grant, which will be used at the dog park located inside Prof Powers Park on Slack Road. Representatives of the Boyd Foundation will make the grant presentation on Tuesday, August 21st at 11:15 a.m. at the Market Park Pavilion located across from the courthouse in downtown Athens.

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Obituaries

♦ **Brenda Kay Manis**, age 70, of Etowah, died Thursday, August 9th, at a Chattanooga Health Care facility. A Celebration of Life service is planned for Monday, August 20th, at 2 p.m. at Hiwassee Union Baptist Church. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

UNITED WAY'S DAY OF CARING

Over 270 volunteers spent Thursday doing work at 10 of the United Way member agencies. The photos show a team from Crye-Leike Realty volunteering at the Hiwassee Mental Health Center and Mark Nichols, CEO at Starr Regional Medical Center, working at the Athens-McMinn YMCA. (Photos submitted by United Way or McMinn and Meigs Counties)



Church News & Events

- Pastor Jody Jenkins will be speaking at Fairview Baptist Church this Sunday during the Sunday School hour at 10 a.m., the morning service at 11 a.m., and the evening service at 6 p.m. Pastor Jenkins grew up in Gray, Tennessee. He is pastor of Buffalo Ridge Baptist Church. He is married to Becky, and they have one son and three daughters. A nursery is provided for all services.



- This Sunday will be Rev. Dr. Leslie Rust's last day at Mars Hill Presbyterian. He has taken the position of pastor at Graystone Presbyterian Church in Knoxville. The community is invited to attend his final service at Mars Hill, with a pot luck to follow.
- Voice of Deliverance Ministry on Old Riceville Road will celebrate the 17th Pastoral Anniversary of Larry Saunders at 4:30 p.m. Sunday.
- Rev. Davis Banks, chaplain for the Seattle Seahawks, will speak this Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Athens Church of the Nazarene on West Madison Avenue at Crestway Drive.
- The United Women's group at Keith Memorial United Methodist Church is sponsoring a Kids' Consignment Sale on August 23, 24, and 25 at the church. Proceeds benefit local missions.



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