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Friday, November 2, 2018

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ McMINN EARLY VOTING INCREASES

A total of 8,534 early voters cast ballots in McMinn County during early voting this year, which began on October 17 and ended yesterday. The total number will increase as absentee ballots are still being received at the Election Commission office. In comparison; 5,239 early voting ballots were cast in the last mid-term election in 2014. This represents a 63% increase in early voting this year. Election day is next Tuesday, November 6th.

◆ STUDENTS VOTE IN MOCK ELECTION

The Tennessee Secretary of State's office conducted a state-wide mock election earlier this week. Over 56,000 students participated and voted for the candidates for Governor and the U.S. Senate. The tally in the Governor's race gave Republican candidate Bill Lee 65% of the vote while the Democratic candidate, Karl Dean, received 35%. In the Senate race, Republican Marsha Blackburn received 57% of the vote, while Democrat Phil Bredesen received 43% of the votes.

State & National News

◆ The State of Tennessee executed Edmund Zagorski last night by electrocution. Zagorski was on death row for 34 years for the brutal murders of two men that he shot and then slit their throats.

◆ A 14-year-old girl and her 5-year-old brother were shot while trick-or-treating on Halloween in Philadelphia, PA. Police are searching for two gunmen who both may have been wearing masks at the time. The girl was treated and released from a hospital while the boy remains hospitalized in stable condition. They were both shot in the leg.

◆ The man accused of massacring 11 Jews at a Pittsburgh synagogue entered a not guilty plea Thursday. He was charged Wednesday in a 44-count indictment which includes federal hate crimes.

◆ President Donald Trump announced Thursday at the White House some changes to the rules regarding the crack down on asylum seekers. Under current law, immigrants may apply for asylum regardless of how they enter the country, but Trump said his order would require them to apply at a port of entry.

Murders On Main Street

Final Performance, Friday, Nov. 2nd. Show begins at 6:30 p.m.
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9am

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AT THE PAVILION

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Obituaries

♦ **Albert Gordy**, age 69, of Etowah, died Thursday. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks ended the day higher, led by the materials, consumer discretionary and industrials sectors.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 265 points or 1.1% to 25,381. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 29 points or 1.1% to 2,741, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 128 points or 1.8% to 7,434.

In Commodity markets, the spot price of gold rose \$18.33 to \$1,233.09, and the price of crude oil fell \$1.79 to \$63.52.

FOOTBALL: Meigs County hosts Sullivan North from Kingsport tonight in the TSSAA Division 1 Class 2A playoffs. Kickoff time is 7 p.m.

The Tennessee Volunteers host the Charlotte 49'ers on Saturday. Kick-off is at 4 p.m. TV coverage will be on the SEC Network Alternate.

Church News & Events

- The Englewood United Methodist Women will have a fundraising dinner today featuring chili or vegetable soup. It will take place from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The dinner comes complete with homemade cornbread or crackers plus homemade dessert and a drink for \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Or you can get a loaded hot dog for \$2.50. The church is located at 14 S. Niota Road in Englewood.

- God Song Ministries presents the 2nd Annual "Praise and Prayer at the Pavilion" Saturday at 9 a.m. It is a Community Wide Prayer Event at the Market Park Pavilion in Downtown Athens. The free event will be a time of music and prayer for the community and our nation. Speakers will include Lisa Dotson and Athens City Manager C. Seth Sumner. Musicians include Beth Burkey and Doug Richesin. (See ad at the top of page 2)

- Watson Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church invites you to a musical concert featuring the Green's Chapel Men of Praise this Sunday, November 4th, at 3 p.m.

- Soul'D Out from Ohio will be in concert on Saturday night, November 10th, at Good Hope Baptist Church in Decatur. The concert begins at 6 p.m.



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