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Today's News... This Morning

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Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The Athens City Council will hold its Council Strategic Summit this Friday beginning at 5 p.m. and Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. The location is the LITE House at 1 West College Street. The regular monthly study session of the Athens City Council scheduled for March 9th has been cancelled.
- ✓ The 4-H Junior Camp sign up will be held Tuesday, March 10th, at 6 p.m. at the UT Extension-McMinn County office, 107 West College Street in Athens. Junior Camp will be held June 1st -5th at the Clyde Austin 4-H Center in Greeneville. McMinn County 4-H members in grades 4-6 are eligible to attend. The cost is \$340, but \$100 scholarships will be offered to the first 44 campers. Call 745-2852 for more information.
- ✓ Local blacksmith Robby Firestone will discuss the process of blacksmithing this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Living Heritage Museum.
- ✓ The guest on "Hope from the Well" this week is Serena Thomas, a student at Women at the Well. "Hope from the Well" is presented by Women at the Well each Thursday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, FM 94.5 and AM-1390 and [ONLINE](#)

TBI Investigating Woman's Death

The TBI is investigating a possible homicide of a McMinn County woman whose body was found at her home on February 14th. A relative discovered the body of Donna Riggins, 61, at her home on County Road 105. Ms. Riggins had been an employee in the meat department at Ingles Supermarket in Athens. She reportedly had been suffering from flu and pneumonia. However, sources say she also had a head injury. Sheriff Joe Guy requested the assistance of the TBI in investigating the cause of her death.

UPWARD BASKETBALL SETS RECORD

Last Saturday, the Clearwater Baptist Church Upward Basketball/Cheerleading League hosted the largest diaper/stuff the bus event in the history of Full Circle Women's Ministry. Ron Starr, the director of the program, likes to call the Upward League "Sunday School with a basketball and pom poms." This year, the league decided to partner with Full Circle Medical Center for Women for their Slam Dunk Community Challenge. For the challenge, each of the 37 Upward teams had to build a tower of diapers and wipes taller than their tallest coach. (see photo) By the end of the day, Full Circle's mobile unit was overflowing with six months worth of supplies. (Photo by Sandy Starr)



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 • FRIDAY - SWEETWATER -10:30 - 2:00

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Western Sizzlin' Steak House-1804 Decatur Pike
 11am-4pm: Grilled Chicken & Salad + Side-Bakery-Dessert-Rolls ~ \$9.99.
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 8:30 am - 5 pm
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Annual Meeting

Join us in celebrating the 2019 year!

Thursday, March 19th
 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

RSVP by March 10th to Tiffany Hayes,
tiffany@athensmcminnymca.org

Our mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.



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6:30am
Sat.



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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

- ♦ **John Edward "Papa John" Jones, Sr.**, age 80, of Riceville, died last Saturday, Feb. 22nd. A Celebration of Life service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.
- ♦ **Loyd Puett**, age 97, of Etowah, died Monday. He was the owner of Loyd's Body Shop in Etowah for any years. He was also a World War II Veteran, serving in the Navy. Funeral services will be 7 p.m. Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Alonzo Hagans**, age 92, of Athens, died last Friday at his home. A memorial service will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at 2816 South Congress Parkway at 4 p.m. this Saturday. Companion Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Doris Marie Sweeten**, died Monday at her residence. She was retired from Plastic Industries. The family will meet at 8 p.m. on Wednesday at Athens Church of Christ for an informal visitation. Graveside services will be Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at National Cemetery in Chattanooga. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks ended the day lower with all sectors posting declines. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 879 points or 3.1% to 27,081. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 98 points or 3.0% to 3,128, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 256 points or 2.8% to 8,966.

STEAM Family Event Coming Up

The STEAM Family Event at Etowah City School will be held Thursday, Feb. 27th, from 3 to 6 p.m. The photo below shows 7th grade students working in teams to complete robotic challenges with coding. Left to right: Zeke Anderson, Kaylee Crans, Kaitlyn Rogers, Trinity Swearingin, Gavin Bryan, & Alexis Frase.

(Photo courtesy of Debbie Lenox, Technology/STEAM Lab Teacher, at Etowah City School)



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Springbrook Golf & Country Club

Tickets are \$25 each in advance • Call 745.9606 or order online at UWMcMinn-Meigs.com.
Tickets also available at the door for \$30

special guest speaker **Brandi Huggins**
from the H.O.P.E. Center

...also visit our "twice-new room" featuring gently used purses and jewelry

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United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties