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Friday, January 7, 2022

Athens, Tennessee

It's Sandhill Crane Time

The 31st edition of the annual Tennessee Sandhill Crane Festival will take place Jan. 15th-16th at the Hiwassee Refuge and Birchwood Community Center. Due to COVID-19 concerns, extra precautions have been made resulting in reduced indoor functions. There will be two short presentations by the American Eagle Foundation each day at the community center. There will be no other entertainment or presentations as in past years. There will be limited vendors and food service available each day beginning at 7 a.m. The main focus of this year's festival is simply enjoying the sandhill cranes and spending time outdoors. Shuttles will operate between the Birchwood Community Center and the Cherokee Removal Memorial and the Hiwassee Refuge.



Community News You Can Use

- ✓ Again today, all the public schools in the area are closed due to the weather. Click or tap [HERE](#) for Closings info.
- ✓ The Athens City Schools Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting this coming Monday, January 10th at the Athens City Middle School auditorium starting at 5:30 p.m.
- ✓ There will be a called meeting of the McMinn County Board of Education at 5:30 p.m. on Monday at the McMinn County Center for Educational Excellence. The meeting will be concerning 8th Grade ELA curriculum. The school board will meet in regular session on Thursday, January 13th, at 5:30 p.m.
- ✓ The Good Faith Clinic will be in session next Tuesday, January 11th, with refills at 3 p.m. and doctor visits at 3:30 p.m. The Good Faith Clinic provides free medical care for adults under 65 in McMinn and Meigs counties who do not have health insurance. The Good Faith Clinic meets on the campus of Christ Community Church at 18 S Congress Parkway.
- ✓ Ticket sales continue to the 12th Annual Athens Chamber of Commerce Benefit Dinner with Kayleigh McEnany. The event will be held on June 25th. Call the chamber at 745-0334 to purchase or reserve tickets. Kayleigh was the former White House Press Secretary under President Trump.



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WEATHER FORECAST

Friday: Partly sunny & colder. High 30.
Friday Night: Clear to partly cloudy & cold. Low 15.
Saturday: Sunny. High 48.
Sat Night: Mostly cloudy. Low 32.
Sunday: Rain & possible t'storms. High 48.
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TODAY IN HISTORY - JAN 8th

- 1815** - The last major engagement of the War of 1812 came to an end as U.S. forces defeated the British in the Battle of New Orleans, not having gotten word of the signing of a peace treaty.
- 1918** - President Woodrow Wilson outlined his Fourteen Points for lasting peace after World War I. Mississippi became the first state to ratify the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which established Prohibition.
- 1935** - Rock-and-roll legend Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi.
- 1968** - The Otis Redding single "Sittin' On The Dock of the Bay" was released on the Volt label almost a month after the singer's death in a plane crash.
- 1982** - American Telephone and Telegraph settled the Justice Department's antitrust lawsuit against it by agreeing to divest itself of the 22 Bell System companies.
- 1998** - Ramzi Yousef, the mastermind of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, was sentenced in New York to life in prison without the possibility of parole.
- 2004** - A U.S. Black Hawk medivac helicopter crashed near Fallujah, Iraq, killing all nine soldiers aboard.

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Obituaries

- ♦ **Karriann Croft Wattenbarger**, age 50, of Etowah, died Wednesday at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga. She was native of Madisonville and a longtime resident of McMinn County. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from noon until time of the service. Interment will follow at Hammonds Cemetery.
- ♦ **Kenneth (Ken) Earl Crocker**, age 75, of Athens (originally from Memphis), died Wednesday, Jan. 5th, at Parkwest Medical Center. He is survived by his sister and brother-in law, Pam and Rick Thigpen of Athens. He leaves two sons, Wade (and wife Tiara) of Memphis and Shea Crocker (and wife Sharon), and granddaughter Presley of Athens. A memorial service will be held at a later date.
- ♦ **Larry O'Neil "Chip" Chandler, Jr.**, age 57, of Athens, died Wednesday, Jan. 5th, at Starr Regional Medical Center. He was Human Resource Manager with Waupaca Foundry since 1999. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at McMinn Memory Gardens. There will be no formal visitation. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Joyce Ann King Newman**, age 83, died Thursday. She was retired from TVA. A graveside service will be held on Monday, Jan. 10th, at 2 p.m. at McMinn Memory Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Church News & Events

- Help! I've fallen! You've stepped off a curb and twisted your ankle. These things usually happen when we least expect it. Do you need crutches, a wheelchair, a rollator, or a walker? Mars Hill Presbyterian Church has a supply of these and other medical items that they are willing to let you borrow. Call the church office at 745-1403 Tuesday-Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. for further information.
- Celebrate Recovery meets every Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Englewood Church of God. Everyone is welcome.
- If you or someone you know is battling addiction, struggling with anger, or other life issues, Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- **NOTE:** If your church has events or activities you would like us to publish in this Friday morning column, just email us at wysi@bellsouth.net. We will print the items at no charge as space permits.

FEDERAL JUDGE KEEPS BAN ON VACCINE MANDATE
A federal appeals court has declined to lift a ban in Tennessee and two other states on President Biden's COVID-19 vaccine mandate for workers who contract with the federal government. The mandate requiring employees of federal contractors to get vaccinated against Covid-19 had been set to take effect this week.



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