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Today's News... This Morning

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MEDIC

REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER
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Athens, TN 37303
Monday-Friday
8:30 am - 5 pm

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ A program on Folk Art by Becky McGrew will be presented this Saturday, Feb. 5th, at 11 a.m. at the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum. The program is free.
- ✓ Calling all singers! A new Mid-East Tennessee Community Chorus is being formed. Anyone 16-106 is invited to join. There will be an orientation at 7 p.m. on Feb. 7th in the TWU Chorus Room. Dr. Marius Bahnean is the Music Director. Elise Howell is Executive Director and Assistant Conductor. For more information, she can be reached at 423-381-0008.
- ✓ MEDIC Regional Blood Center will compete with the middle Tennessee region of American Red Cross next week in the first-ever Dunk for Donations event. The blood center collecting the most red blood cells will be declared the winner. Additionally, MEDIC will support The Pat Summitt Foundation that week by donating \$5 per donor to the organization.

ONE MORE 4-H POSTER ART WINNER

The winner of the McMinn 4-H Camp Promotional Poster Art Contest was Gabbi Cresswell.
(Photo by Brooke Cass, 4-H Clubs)



Fire Leaves Families Homeless

The Athens Fire Department responded to an apartment complex fire at Athens Mews Apartments on Garden Drive Monday at approximately 10:00 p.m. The Athens Fire Department arrived on the scene at approximately 10:03 p.m. Battalion 2 established command and requested a full page with an off-duty response. Occupants in the front yard stated one of the apartments might still have someone inside. The door was secured on the second-floor apartment and firemen made a forced entry to get inside. Upon entry, crews were met with heavy black smoke conditions with the fire found just a few feet inside the door. The fire was quickly extinguished and a full primary search was conducted. A tenant was discovered inside the hallway and was removed from the apartment and delivered to a waiting AMR ambulance and EMS personnel. A secondary search was made and no other occupants were found in the apartment. A check for other fires was made throughout the apartment and the apartment next door and no other fires were found. Two additional families from the first-floor apartments were displaced. The injured tenant, who was the only occupant of the apartment, was airlifted to the UT Medical Center with life threatening injuries. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation. Athens Fire Chief Brandon Ainsworth stated: "We extend our thoughts and prayers to the family affected by this fire, I am very proud of the quick response and work by all of the agencies in protecting life and property in this case."

RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



NEW: Hand Breaded Chicken Sandwich \$3.99
Steak Biscuits 2 / \$5 • 32 oz Tea \$1
8 Piece Tailgate \$19.99
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WEATHER FORECAST

Wednesday - Cloudy. High 56.
Wed. night - Mild with rain. Low 50.
Thursday - Cloudy. Possible t'storms. High 62.
Thursday night - Rain. Heavy at times. Low 42.
More Weather at: wysi.com

TODAY IN HISTORY FEBRUARY 2nd

1876 - The National Baseball League was formed, with teams in Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Louisville, and Hartford.
1882 - Irish author James Joyce was born. He wrote the novel, "Ulysses."
1887 - Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, held its first Groundhog Day festival.
1990 - South African President F.W. de Klerk lifted a ban on the African National Congress and promised to free Nelson Mandela.

UNITED WAY'S ANNUAL

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March 3, 2022

Purse Preview: 6:00 - 6:30 PM
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Obituaries

♦ **Norman Wilson**, age 79, of Etowah, died Monday, Jan. 31st. He retired from Bowater. He also had a golf cart business in Etowah for many years. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 4th, in Green Hill Cemetery. There will be no formal visitation. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Derrick Lee Skyberg**, age 6 months, of Decatur, died last Thursday, Jan. 27th. He is survived by his parents, Kenneth and Joyce Skyberg. The family will receive friends from noon to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 3rd, at Decatur Funeral Home. No formal service will be held.

♦ **Glenda Grayson**, age 62, of Englewood, died on January 29th. There will be no formal services at this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

GASOLINE PRICE UPDATE

For the fourth consecutive week, the average price of a gallon of gas in Tennessee has increased. The average price of gas in Tennessee is now \$3.10, which is 11 cents more than one month ago. The price of regular unleaded in Chattanooga this week is \$3.07. In Knoxville, it is \$3.05. Here in the Athens area, gas can be found for 2.92 to 2.99 per gallon.

Ribbon Cut for 117 Apartments

A ribbon cutting was held recently for new Athens Chamber of Commerce member, 117 Luxury Apartments, at 117 East Washington Ave., Downtown Athens. Shown L-R front: Lisa Dotson, Amy McDonald (Diplomat), Brian Key (Johnson's Home Furnishings), Sharon and Emmett Johnson (Owners of 117), McMinn Co. Mayor John Gentry, Lisa Rhea (Diplomat). Back row: Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Karen Sullivan (Chamber), Dr. Dick Pelley (City Council), John Rodriguez (Chamber Board), Kellie Collins (Diplomat), City Manager C. Seth Sumner.



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"The Milk Man" t-shirts will be available for purchase.