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Friday, December 02, 2022

Athens, Tennessee

Impaired Driving Enforcement

The City of Athens Police Department is partnering with the Tennessee Highway Safety Office (THSO) to increase impaired-driving enforcement from December 14, 2022, to January 1, 2023, surrounding the holiday season. The THSO's statewide Booze It and Lose It campaign is part of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over nationwide mobilization. The Athens Police Department will be utilizing THSO grant funds to increase their traffic enforcement and visibility during the holiday season. Increased state and national messaging about the dangers of drunk driving, coupled with increased sobriety checkpoints and high visibility enforcement, aim to drastically reduce the number of drunkdriving crashes, injuries, and fatalities this year. The consequences of a single DUI conviction for a first-time offender in the state of Tennessee may include costly fines, court costs, legal fees, jail time, mandatory drug and alcohol treatment, and/or the installation of an ignition interlock device in his/her vehicle. The THSO provides grant funding to support the Athens Police Department's increased enforcement efforts during the Booze It and Lose It holiday campaign. For more information about the THSO, go online and click or tap:

www.tntrafficsafety.org

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The Critters For A Cure will have their Online Auction from December 3rd to December 10th. There will be 17 collections as well as 3 Wagg gift certificates from Wagg-n-Purr Retreat. For more information visit the Relay for Life of McMinn County Facebook page; click or tap: HERE
- ✓ The McMinn County Election Commission office will be closed Wednesday, December 7th through Friday, December 9th for staff and election commissioners to attend the East Tennessee Election Officials winter seminar and training.
- ✓ The City of Niota Old Fashioned Christmas will be Saturday December 10th from 10 to 5. Outdoor activities start at 2 p.m. The Parade begins at 6 p.m.
- ✓ PARADES: December 2nd: Englewood Christmas Parade at 6:30 p.m.; Sweetwater Christmas Parade at 7 p.m.; Madisonville Christmas Parade at 4 p.m.
- ✓ The Optimist Club of Athens is having a Soup & Chili Supper Monday, December 5th at Mars Hill Presbyterian Church from 4 to 7 p.m. Drive thru and to go orders will be available. Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5 for kids 10 and under. For ticket purchases see any Optimist Club Member or call Richard Newman at 423-506-0416.



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Obituaries

- ✓ Pamela Jane Birchfield Crisp, age 61, of Niota, passed away Wednesday, November 30th at her son's residence. She was a native of Greenback and a longtime resident of McMinn County. A Celebration of Life will be announced later. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- ✓ Marla Annette Cardin, age 58, of Athens, passed away on Wednesday, November 30th. She was born in Chicago. A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, December 5th at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Stocks closed with major indexes mixed, as investors look towards Friday's jobs data. With value outperforming growth this year, the Dow Jones has moved out of bear-market territory. European and Asian stocks were higher. The price of oil is up after OPEC+ announced a sizable output cut to address falling demand in Asia. At the closing bell the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 194.76 to 34,395.01. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 3.54 to 4,076.57, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 14.45 to 11,482.45.

Church News and Events

- East Athens Baptist Church will have their annual "Hanging of the Greens" service Sunday, December 4th at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend. The church is located at 301 Central Ave. in Athens.
- Union Hill Baptist Church will be having a revival beginning Sunday, December 4th at 6 p.m. Services on Monday through Friday will be at 7 p.m. Rev. Shane White and Rev. Jimmy Long will be preaching. There will be special singing nightly.
- Union McMinn Baptist Church drive through Nativity Scene will be December 2nd and 3rd from 6 to 8 p.m. They are located at exit 56 in Niota. See their ad on page 1.
- First Baptist Church of Athens will present Celebrate Christmas (FBC Adult Choir musical) on Sunday, December 4th at 9:30 a.m.
- 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.
- If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, Mars Hill Presbyterian Church of Athens now offers a Griefshare program each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. For more information call 423-829-5052.
- Celebrate Recovery meets at the following churches: The Englewood Church of God every Sunday at 6 p.m. and Woodward Avenue Church of God every Tuesday at 6 p.m.



