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Athens, Tennessee

Snyder Wins TWRA Contest

One of the winning entries for the 2023 *Tennessee Wildlife* magazine photo contest is a resident of Athens. Frank Snyder submitted the photo to the right and it will appear in the 2023 calendar. The winners were selected recently by staff members of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and the public. The staff and public selected photographs from a record number of submissions and had the challenge to narrow the entries to 13 photos that will appear in the new calendar. Snyder tells the Morning Fax that he took the photo of the Red-Headed Woodpeckers with a Cannon Camera using a 500 mm telephoto lens. Congratulations Frank!



Community News You Can Use

✓ The McMinn Historical Society will meet Sunday, January 8th at 2 p.m. in the Blueroom of the McMinn County Courthouse on the bottom floor. The speaker will be Jerri Hill of the E. G. Fisher Library. Current and former members and guests are encouraged to attend.

FRIDAY'S MARKET REPORT There was no change in the market narrative, and with no major economic releases scheduled, trading volumes were thin. The tech-heavy Nasdaq rebounded from its midday lows. Energy was the only S&P 500 sector to rise. Asian markets rose slightly. The 10-year U.S. Treasury yield rose to 3.88%. At the closing bell, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 73.55 to 33,147.25. The S&P 500 was down 9.78 to 3,839.50, and The Nasdaq Composite was down 11.60 to 10,466.48.

LISTENING REMINDER: The guest on Main Street Moments today will be Patti Greek with Greeks Bearing Gifts. The program will be aired at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5.

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

◆ **William (Bill) Franklin Keylon**, age 83, of Athens, passed away Wednesday, December 27th at Dominion Assisted Living. He was a lifelong resident of McMinn County. He was associated with the U.S. Military in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and retired after 42 years. Funeral services were Monday, January 2nd. A committal service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, January 6th at Chattanooga National Cemetery with full military honors at the graveside provided by the U.S. Army. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge.

◆ **Sue Gilbert Baker (Sudie)**, age 98, passed away December 27th in Athens. She was born in Dothan, Alabama. She graduated from Bob Jones College in 1945 and was married to former Athens First Baptist Pastor, Ansell Tupper Baker, Jr., for 62 years. She was a gifted pianist and Bible teacher and was active in the community. Sue was an elementary school teacher and guidance counselor who did graduate work at UTC. She and Ansell traveled to 50 countries and toured the Holy Land multiple times. They lived in Chattanooga for 21 years and in Athens for nearly 50 years. There will be a visitation at Smith Funeral Home on Friday, January 6th between Noon and 2 p.m. followed by a graveside service and interment at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Athens. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge.

◆ **Zachary (Zach) Caleb Estes**, age 29, of Athens, passed away Wednesday, December 28th at Park West Medical Center in Knoxville. He was a lifelong resident of McMinn County. He had been associated with the Wacker Company. A private graveside service will be held for family and close friends, Wednesday, January 4th at McMinn Memory Gardens. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge.

Obituaries Continued

◆ **Harold Roy "Sleepy" Eaton**, age 59, of Niota, passed away, Thursday, December 29th at his home. He was a lifelong resident of McMinn County. He was a life time member of the McMinn County Rescue Squad and was active for 33 years. He worked for the Athens City Fire Department for many years, was a Reserve Deputy for the McMinn County Sheriff's Dept. for many years, was a 3rd District Constable, and was retired from Mayfield's after 37 years. A funeral service was held Monday at Woodward Avenue Church of God. A committal service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, January 3rd at Niota Cemetery. Smith Funeral and Cremation Services of Athens is in charge.

◆ **Edith Layman Hutsell**, age 97, of Athens, passed away, Monday, December 26th at Athens Place of Athens. She was a lifelong resident of McMinn County. She was a graduate of University of Tennessee in Knoxville. She was a lifetime member of the McMinn County Historical Society. A funeral service will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday, January 9th at Smith Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. prior to the service. The family will have a private burial at 2:00 p.m. Monday, January 9th at Union Chapel Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 10:30-11:30 am, Monday January 9th at the funeral home prior to the service. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge.

◆ **Shirrell Kay Coker**, age 85, of Athens, passed away Thursday, December 29th. She was born in Beaver Dam, Kentucky, she attended Campbellsville University where she met the love of her life, Bill Coker. Together they settled here in Athens where they raised their three children. She was a former third grade teacher at Englewood Elementary School, and an active Sunday School teacher at East Athens Baptist Church, where she enjoyed singing soprano in her church choir. Visitation will be at East Athens Baptist Church Wednesday, January 4th from 4 to 5:45 p.m. A celebration of life service will begin at 6 p.m. The family graveside service will be at McMinn Memory Gardens Thursday, January 5th at 11 a.m.

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JOB POSTING: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Coordinated Charities, a ministry founded by churches to help the poor and needy in 1959, is seeking an individual to serve as Executive Director. This is a vital role for the organization, the community, and those in McMinn County in need. This person will provide oversight and management for both branches of the organization: the Thrift Store and the Assistance Center. Responsibilities include staffing, finances, record management, human resources, community relations, resource development, tax preparation, ensuring compliance, overseeing community service, and daily operations. Coordinated Charities is governed by a local board of directors and is a 501 c(3) nonprofit organization. The position is full time, Monday through Friday. Vacation and sick leave included. Compensation will be based on experience. Interested applicants should email a resumé to amgentry10@att.net Training will be provided as needed.

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Tue Night: Mild. Possible rain & t'storm. Low 62.

Wednesday: Breezy, rainy, cloudy, & warm. High 69.

Thursday: Partly cloudy. High 71.

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

◆ **Carole Jean Beddingfield**, age 80 of Spring City, passed away December 22nd. She was born in Denver, Colorado and resided in Spring City for 39 years. A memorial service was held December 30th. Companion Funeral Home of Athens was in charge of arrangements.

◆ **Walter Conrad Mason**, age 47, of Decatur passed away Saturday, December 24th. He was a native of Cleveland and longtime resident of McMinn County and Meigs County. A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 3rd at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 12 to 2 p.m. prior to the service. Interment will be at Hammonds Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

◆ **James Allen "Jim" Bowers, Sr.**, age 80, a native of West Virginia and resident of Decatur for 34 years, passed away on Thursday, December 29th. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran and retired from Norfolk Southern Railway. Jim owned and operated Bowers Funeral Home for over 30 years. A funeral service was held on Monday, January 2nd. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services was in charge.

◆ **Johnnie Ruth Bivens Moses**, age 86, of the Goodsprings community passed away Wednesday, December 28th. Family and friends will assemble at Goodsprings Cemetery for a small, private graveside service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge.

◆ **Vicki Williams**, age 65, of Etowah, passed away Wednesday, December 28th. A funeral service will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, January 3rd at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 12 to 2 p.m., Tuesday prior to the service. Interment will follow the service in Coghill Cemetery.

Obituaries Continued

◆ **Mary R McCracken**, age 79, of Delano passed away December 30th at her home. She was a native and longtime resident of Bradley County before she and her family relocated to Polk County. She will be remembered for being a hard worker and helper on the family farm. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, January 4th at Companion Funeral Home in Cleveland. There will be a graveside service at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 5th at the Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Cleveland. Companion Funeral Home of Athens and Cleveland is in charge.

◆ **Finner Franklin Bell**, age 96, of Athens passed away Sunday, December 31st at Life Care Center of Athens. He was a native of Bogata, TX and resident of McMinn County for 27 years. He worked as an Electronics Technician at the FAA for 28 years and served in the United States Navy during WWII. A funeral Service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 4th at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. prior to the service. Interment will follow at Clearwater Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

◆ **Wanda Lee (Parker) Crowe**, age 91 of Athens, passed away Thursday, December 29th at her daughter's residence in Etowah. She was a native and lifelong resident of McMinn County. She retired from Ingles and was a former employee of Alfred's IGA. Services were held Friday, December 30th. Laycock Hobbs Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

◆ **Gary Wayne Womac**, age 67, of Calhoun passed away Saturday, December 31st at his residence. He was a native of Kingston and longtime resident of Calhoun. He worked as a truck driver and a painter. A funeral service will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, January 7th at Hiwassee Baptist Church with visitation from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday prior to the service. Interment will follow at Calhoun Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

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