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County Sheriff's Department also assisted on the scene. Englewood Rural Fire Chief Billy Roach was in command of the scene. Photos by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department.

### Community News

- ✓ County Road 718 – The Nipper Road will be closed Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM for Sink Hole repair by TDOT.
- ✓ The McMinn County Election Commission will meet in regular session, Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in the conference room of the McMinn County courthouse and will conduct any election business to legally come before the board.
- ✓ The McMinn County Library Board will hold a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at E.G. Fisher Public Library, 1289 Ingleside Ave. Athens, TN. This meeting is open to the public.

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# Obituaries

♦ **William Porter Biddle, III**, age 86, of Athens, passed away peacefully at his home on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Bill, as he was known, was born in Knoxville. His family settled in Athens in 1954 where he attended and played basketball for two years at McMinn County High School. After high school he graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, with a Law degree. Bill started his law career in Athens in 1960 with Kenneth Higgins, later adding Fredrick Chester and H. Chris Trew. He was elected as a delegate to the Tennessee Constitutional Convention of 1972. Throughout his life, he contributed to numerous organizations, serving on the Boards of First National Bank and Trust of Athens (now Truist), Citizens National Bank of Athens (now Simmons Bank), E.G. Fisher Public Library, Athens Family YMCA, Athens Area Council for the Arts and the Charter Committee of the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum. He was an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, having served on the Vestry and many committees. He was a founding member and Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Grace House in Athens. Bill loved spending the summers in his backyard gardening and enjoying the pool with friends and family. Funeral services will be held Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Athens. Jerry Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Obituaries continued

♦ **Melissa "Christie" Goins Conn**, age 41, of Decatur, passed away on Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. She enjoyed fishing, hunting arrowheads, and antique collecting. Visitation will be from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM on Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at Ziegler Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow at 12:00 PM at Pisgah Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** Asian markets were mostly lower. The consumer price index was flat from a year ago. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 209.52 to 33,944.40. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 10.58 to 4,409.53, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 24.76 to 13,658.48.

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