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Thursday, July 20, 2023

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Athens City Council Meeting Recap

The Athens City Council met in regular session Tuesday night at the Athens Municipal Building. Athens Mayor Steven Sherlin and Council member Frances Witt-McMahan were absent due to illness. Vice Mayor Larry Eaton, and Council members Jordan Curtis and Dick Pelley were present and that constituted a quorum. However, any votes taken would have to be 3-0 or the measure would not pass. A large number of citizens addressed the council on several issues including: Pickleball Courts and the Library Board. A motion was made to accept the bid to renovate the Ingleside school tennis courts and add 10 pickleball courts at that location. The measure failed to get the 3 votes to pass. Council members did pass a measure to provide up to \$30,000 to the Athens City Schools to help pay for renovating the old tennis courts at the Athens City Middle School and turn them into pickleball courts. Council members stated that they would revisit the pickleball court issue at Ingleside school when all 5 council members could vote on the measure. Vice Mayor Eaton read aloud a statement from former City Attorney Stephen Hatchett that exonerated himself and Mayor Steven Sherlin from any violations of Tennessee law and US Supreme Court decisions involving their actions as private citizens when they asked the staff of the E.G. Fisher Library to remove books from being displayed during LGBTQ+ "Pride Month" that contained graphic sexual content. Hatchett's statement is available to the public. Also on the agenda was the appointment of a person to serve on the Library Board after the resignation of Craig Hardin. A called meeting of the council will be held this evening at 6 p.m. to review applicants and possibly take a vote on a new member of the board.

Food City Nominees Named Top Women In Grocery

Progressive Grocer's Top Women in Grocery initiative recognizes the important role that women play in the food and grocery industry. Two Food City women grocers are named among this year's top winners - Katie Penny, district manager and Misty Deskins, director of loyalty marketing, e-commerce & outside sales. "I would like to congratulate Katie and Misty on this well-deserved honor and all of their hard work and achievements. We are extremely proud of all of our women grocers and the key role they play within our company, the industry, and the communities we serve," said Steven C. Smith, Food City president and chief executive officer. Penny serves as one of three District Managers for the company's Chattanooga operating division. As director of loyalty marketing, e-commerce & outside sales, Deskins is responsible for loyalty marketing initiatives throughout the company's 151 retail locations, including data management, analytics, and customer service-related activities. She is also responsible for the company's e-commerce operations, including GoCart curbside pickup, Instacart Home Delivery, and Door Dash delivery services and manages the company's corporate partnerships with a number of local attractions, including Dollywood, Titanic, Anakeesta, Hatfield & McCoy, Ripley's Aquarium, and the Chattanooga Aquarium

TODAY IS:

- National Moon Day
- National Pennsylvania Day
- National Lollipop Day
- National Fortune Cookie Day
- World Jump Day
- International Chess Day

RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



Famous Chicken 'n Biscuits

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Obituaries

♦ **Wesley Andrew Harbison**, age 64, of Delano, passed away at his home, Tuesday, July 18th. He was a 1977 graduate of McMinn Central High School. Wes was a carpenter by trade and began working at Bowater in 1987 until his retirement in 2022. The family will host a memorial / celebration of life at a time yet to be determined. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Carey Gorden Wilcox, Jr.**, age 59 of Decatur, passed away Tuesday, July 18th. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corp and was an active member and served as a Deacon at Clear Springs Baptist Church. He worked for the Smith Management McDonald for 35 years. Funeral services will be 11:00 A.M. Saturday, July 22nd at Clear Springs Baptist. Interment will follow in Clear Spring Cemetery. Visitation will be at the church from 5-7 Friday, July 21st. The body will lie in state from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Saturday at the church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Clayton Lee Ford**, age 71, of Madisonville, passed away on July 11th. He was born on February 22nd in Friendsville. Visitation will be on Friday, July 21st from 12:00-2:00 PM at Companion Funeral Home. A service celebrating his life will follow the visitation at 2:00 PM. He will be laid to rest in the Shady Grove Cemetery in Friendsville in a private ceremony. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

Wednesday's Market Report

Equity markets closed modestly higher. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 109.28 to 35,061.21. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 10.84 to 4,565.72 and the NASDAQ Composite Index was no change to 14,358.02.

WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday - Humid with periods of clouds & sunshine. Possible t'storm in PM. High 85.

Thurs. Night - Becoming cloudy with possible t'storm. Low 70.

Friday - Humid with thick cloud cover. Possible afternoon t'storms. High 85.

COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE

Weekly Summary Thru 7/15/2023

Tennessee: 2,554,028 Total Cases 29,662 Total Deaths

COUNTY	CASES	DEATHS
McMinn	20,190	292
Meigs	4,252	63
Monroe	18,618	2779
Polk	5,718	89
Bradley	39,653	469
Rhea	11,946	174

Covid-19 update information from the Tennessee Department of Health is updated on Saturday and posted to their website each Wednesday.



McMinn County Living Heritage Museum

Upcoming Events

HERITAGE SCHOOL

"THE LAST RIDE OF THE PEACEKEEPERS"
WITH BILL MATTHEWS
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Saturday: 10 AM - 1 PM
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