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Today's News...This Morning

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Back To School Time
 Your local churches are hosting their Back-To-School Backpack Giveaway again this year!

**AT THE ETOWAH L&N DEPOT
 JULY 29th @ 10:00 AM**

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Monday, July 24, 2023 Athens, Tennessee

Athens Council Called Meeting Recap

The Athens City Council met last Thursday evening in a special called meeting to fill the unexpired term of Craig Hardin on the McMinn County Library Board. Hardin resigned recently from the board. Members present included Athens Mayor Steven Sherlin, Vice Mayor Larry Eaton, and Dr. Dick Pelley. Absent was Frances Witt-McMahan and Jordan Curtis. As there were 3 members present, a quorum existed, however any vote taken would have to be 3-0 in order to pass, according to the Athens City Charter. There were 7 applications submitted. A nomination of longtime Athens City Schools teacher, Libby Skorupan, was made and seconded. However, the vote was 2-1 and it failed to pass. A nomination was then made for John Duggan, a former Athens City Council Candidate, and was seconded and the vote was 3-0 and it passed. Duggan will serve the remainder of Hardin's term on the library board.

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The monthly meeting for the Cherokee Beekeepers Association will take place on Tuesday, July 25th at 7:00 P.M. The meeting is being held at the AgCentral Farmers Cooperative located at 920 Congress Pkwy. N., Athens. The public is welcome, and you do not need to be a member to attend.
- ✓ The next AUB Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25th at 5:00 at AUB headquarters.

FRIDAY'S MARKET REPORT:
 U.S. equities were mixed. The S&P 500 was higher and the Nasdaq was lower. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Average was up 2.51 to 35,227.69. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 1.47 to 4,536.34, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 30.50 to 14,032.80.

LISTENING REMINDER: This week's guest on Main Street Moments will be Charlene Such, Program Director with McMinn Living Heritage Museum. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5.

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Patricia Ann Keller Rodgers**, age 78, of Sweetwater, passed away on Friday, July 21st. She was retired from Athens Products. At Patricia's request, there will be no formal services. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Adrian Brady Meadows**, age 82, of Ooltewah, passed away on Thursday, July 20th at his home surrounded by his family. A Graveside Service will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, July 24th in the Pisgah Cemetery. Visitation will be 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on Monday, at Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

♦ **Cleo Rachel Noble Plemons**, age 79, of Athens, passed away Friday, July 21st at her residence. She was a native of Guntersville, Alabama and longtime resident of McMinn County. She retired from Schering-Plough. A funeral service was held Sunday, July 23rd at Smith Funeral Home with interment in West View Cemetery in Sweetwater. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens was in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Richard A. Francis**, age 52 of Cleveland, passed away Thursday, July 20th at Tennova Healthcare in Cleveland. He was a native of St. Petersburg, Florida and a resident of McMinn and Bradley County. He was an active member of First Baptist of Cleveland and had traveled extensively over the past several years. He was very proud of his trip to Israel, where he was baptized in the Jordan River. He loved people and enjoyed working at Cracker Barrel and Alberts in Cleveland. He had many friends and family at Life Bridges of Cleveland. Funeral Services will be at 7 pm Monday, July 24th at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. The graveside will be at 10 am Tuesday, July 25th at McMinn Memory Gardens. Visitation will be from 5-7pm Monday before the service. Laycock Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

85th Soap Box Derby is History

Three racers from the Athens, TN Soap Box Derby represented Athens and the State of Tennessee during the 85th running of the All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron, OH last week. Kyia Hagerty age 10 raced in the Super Kids Division which is for special needs youth. Super Kids are in two seat cars and are driven by past derby participants. Anniemaye Johnson age 8 raced in the Local Stock Division driving a car which weighs 200 pounds including the car and driver. Hayden Rowe age 13, raced in the Local Super Stock Division driving a car which weighs 240 pounds including the car and driver. "This being my 30th year involved in the Derby I have been fortunate to be able to see a lot of positive changes in the cars and the track and the overall operation of the championship," said Austin Fesmire. "One thing that has not changed over the years is the fact that we have good quality young people representing Athens on the world stage, and 2023 was no exception. Hayden, Anniemaye and Kyia proved to be exceptional young people and racers. Each of them did everything we asked of them to prepare for and participate in this event. I am personally very proud of their racing and how they handled themselves throughout the week as they made new friends from across the nation and the world. I encourage anyone and everyone to participate in Soap Box Derby and look forward to next racing season." Coverage of the Soap Box Derby was brought to by Ag-Pro, A&J Body Shop, Wrecker Service, Athens Utilities Board, Domino's Pizza, and Dooley Tractor Company.



Join us for the 3rd annual Battle of Athens Festival!

Saturday July 29 4:00 – 8:00 PM
Market Park Athens, TN

- Videos of Battle participants & documentary footage
- Audio recordings of the Battle from local radio stations
- Speeches by descendants of Battle participants & local historians
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