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Athens, Tennessee

Local and Area News

◆ The Athens City School Staff congratulates Mr. Robert Owens, ACS Supervisor of Facilities and Attendance. He was presented the Athens City Council's Very Important Volunteer Individual (VIVID) at the Tuesday evening City Council Meeting by Council Member Jordan Curtis. Mr. Owens is pictured at right with Curtis. Photo submitted by ACS.



◆ Members of the Tennessee Overhill traveled to Lebanon recently to setup the McMinn County Display for the Tennessee State Fair. All McMinn towns were represented, highlighting significant areas & events. All 95 Counties are invited to do displays in the grand Tennessee Travel building where the State is painted on the floor detailing each county in its physical location in Tennessee. It is a fabulous representation of our beautiful State. The Fair runs from August 17 – 26th at the Fairgrounds in Lebanon. In the photo above is Nancy Dalton at left and Denise Graff at right of the Tennessee Overhill.



Community News You Can Use

✓ The Regular Session of the McMinn County Commission meeting that was scheduled for August 21, 2023 at 7:30 has been changed to August 28th at 7:30 pm.

✓ Grace and Mercy Ministries is having a Gospel Music Picnic Fundraiser Event on August 19th from 3-7 pm at the Athens Market Park Pavilion, 106 South Jackson Street, Athens. Enjoy music, food, and a live auction with John Forgety beginning at 6 p.m. They will be serving Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Chips, and drinks. Everyone please bring a lawn chair. Grace and Mercy began as an extension of McMinn United Methodist Ministries (MUMM) and now has its own Board of Directors. Grace and Mercy serves meals at Cooke Center to homeless and disadvantaged members of our community. Before the Covid pandemic, approximately 100 meals were served each Friday and Monday plus to-go meals only on Wednesdays. At this time, to-go meals have been discontinued on Wednesdays (except for those not physically able to come to the center for lunch). For many, this was their "church." This ministry is staffed by volunteers from churches and organizations within the community. Grace and Mercy also deliver 35 meals a week to people who are not physically able to come to the Center for lunch. At this time, Grace and Mercy serves lunch every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon. they serve 200 meals a week at the center (60 on Mondays and 60 on Wednesdays, 80 on Fridays). Grace and Mercy provides bus service to pick people up, serve lunch at the Center, and return them to their homes after lunch. The bus trip usually runs two hours prior and two hours following lunch. More information about Grace and Mercy Ministries will be available at the fundraiser. **MORE COMMUNITY NEWS ON PAGE 2**

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

- ♦ **Jason Edward Masterton**, age 52, of Athens, passed away on Wednesday, August 16th. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Gladys Ann Wood**, age 66, a lifelong resident of Athens, passed away on August 15th surrounded by her family. She was born in Athens. She was a member of Mircle Deliverance Tabernacle. She loved spending time with her family. Visitation will be Saturday, August 19th from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM at The Mircle Deliverance Tabernacle located at 245 County Road 677 in Riceville. A service celebrating her life will follow the visitation time at 2:00 PM. The interment and committal service will follow in the Cedar Grove Cemetery with family and friends serving as pallbearers. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

♦ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓Cox Pressure Washing & Piggy Power Washing will be cleaning the sidewalks on Sunday, August 20th starting at approximately 6:30pm. The anticipated areas to be cleaned will be White Street Market (216 N. White Street) to Maddi Mae's Café (10 S. White Street), and areas around the McMinn County Courthouse (Madison Avenue, Jackson Street, Washington Avenue). This service is being completed as a partnership courtesy to Main Street Athens and is no added cost to the business owners and is a service to support the beautification efforts for the district. Businesses should prepare doorways to prevent water from entering, please move vehicles for this short period of time on Sunday. **SCROLL DOWN TO PAGE 3 FOR THE GIGANTIC TRUCKLOAD MEAT SALE!**

Church News and Events

- The Lake Side Singers will be at West End Baptist Church on Sunday August 20th. Service will begin at 6 PM.
- Homecoming will take place on August 20th at Rocky Mount Baptist Church during morning service. Trinity Trio will be the guest singers. Lunch follows.
- Women of Wisdom annual conference will be September 2nd at Mouse Creek Golf Course at 1118 N. Congress Pkwy in Athens and on September 3rd at Everlasting Life Christian Center at 1710 Hwy 411S, in Etowah. Conference speaker will be Minister Sandra Jackson Haskins, and the Conference Praise and Worship Leader will be Jennifer Whaley.
- Voice of Deliverance Ministry C.O.G.I.C will be having its 22nd annual church anniversary and pastoral anniversary to celebrate Pastor Larry W. & First Lady Letitisha Saunders to be held on Sunday, August 27th. There will be two services. The morning service will begin at 11am and the evening service will begin at 4:00pm. All are welcome. Located at 520 Old Riceville Road, Athens.
- Trinity Trio will be singing August 27th at Bethel Baptist Church 11 o'clock with lunch to follow.
- 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.

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