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Friday, October 13, 2023 Athens, Tennessee

Chicken Shed Fire in Riceville

At midnight on Tuesday a chicken litter shed on County Road 781, Riceville was destroyed by fire. Claxton Fire, Etowah Rural Fire, Englewood Rural Fire Departments responded and AMR assisted. Firefighter Dexter Key was in command of the scene. Photos by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department



FOOTBALL SCHEDULES:
Oct 13th 7 p.m. Games: McMinn Co. Cherokees, Sweetwater, and Walker Valley are open. Polk County plays at Meigs County. Bradley Central plays at Red Bank.
Oct 13th 7:30 p.m. Games: McMinn Central hosts Kingston.
Oct 14th: The Tennessee Volunteers hosts Texas A&M.
Game time is 3:30 p.m. and will be on CBS Network.

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ **REMINDER:** The streets of downtown Athens will close early on Friday (TODAY) October 13th in preparation for Pumpkintown and will remain closed until Saturday, October 14th @ 5:00pm. The streets that will be closed are Madison Avenue from Hill Street to Green Street; Washington Avenue from Church Street to Green Street; White Street from College Street to Bank Street; N. Jackson Street from College Street to Highway 30; Long Street from Washington Avenue to Madison Avenue, and Baxter Street and from Washington Avenue to Highway 30 will be closed. These closures will be from Friday, October 13th at 4:00 p.m. until Saturday, October 14th at 7:00 p.m. Detours will be posted. The purpose of this closing is for 2023 Pumpkintown Festival.
- ✓ The Meigs-Decatur Friends of the Library will host Athens' native author Tyler Boyd, Saturday, October 21st at 1PM at Meigs Decatur Library, 120 E. Memorial Dr., Decatur discussing his latest book "The Biggs Machine". Sheriff Burch Biggs reigned supreme in Polk County, TN for the first half of the 20th century. Everyone is invited to join them and learn more about Sheriff Biggs from Mr. Boyd. There will be this book and others authored by Mr. Boyd. The event is free and open to all.
- ✓ The McMinn Senior Activity Center has announced that local duo group *September Song* will be the first in the *Music and Memory Concert Series* on Saturday, October 28th at 7pm. Doors open at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door. Continued on Page 2

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦**Fannie Lou Lunsford Clark**, age 96, passed peacefully at her home on October 12th. She was born in Athens. She ran the Shady Oaks Flea Market for several years. After her retirement, she enjoyed going to yard sales, thrift stores, antiquing and going out to eat. Funeral services will be at 2:00 pm on Monday, October 16th at Ziegler Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm Monday, October 16th prior to the funeral service at Ziegler Funeral Home. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

More Community News You Can Use

Continued from Page 1: Other performers that will be included in the *Music and Memory* series include the Jim Hughes Quartet, Jim Brooks, The Right Mix -get your poodle skirt out for that one- as well as Joel Clyde. More information about the Centers programs is available at mcmimnseniors.com or over the phone at 423-745-6830. Staff is available via phone or in person at the Center. Office hours are Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. The Center is located at 205 McMinn Ave in Athens.

✓ Christ Community Church is sponsoring a free presentation "Outsmart the Scammers" on Sunday, Oct. 22nd from 3 to 4:30 p.m. presented by Joseph Ladner, Financial Advisor with Edward Jones. Please respond to christcommunitychurchathens@outlook.com or call 423-745- 8185 by 10/18/2023.

Church News and Events

-Niota UMC and Cedar Springs UMC will celebrate their homecoming this Sunday, October 15th at Niota UMC at 11am. Rev. Sandra Johnson will preach and the service will be followed by a fellowship meal. All are welcome.

-The second annual Red Back Hymnal Singing will be Sunday, October 15th at Clear Springs Baptist Church. The singing begins at 6 p.m. The church is located at 653 Co Rd 100 in Athens.

-Everlasting Life Christian Center will celebrate Pastor Kevin Harris Anniversary on Sunday October 29th at 11:00 AM. Guest Speaker will be Pastor Tom Homes and Watson Chapel of Charleston Tn. Dinner will be served following morning service. The public is cordially invited through this announcement.

- Make plans and join West End Baptist to hear 2X2 Quartet on October 15th @ 6pm

-Mars Hill Presbyterian Church (205 North Jackson Street) is sponsoring a free children's playgroup on Mondays, 9-11 a.m. for ages 0-5. For additional information, contact the Church Office (423-745-1403) or Mary Ann Reed (910-200-2905).

-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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