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Athens, Tennessee

Local Business News

✓Old National Bancorp (NASDAQ: ONB) ("Old National") and CapStar Financial Holdings, Inc., the parent company of CapStar Bank (NASDAQ: CSTR) ("CapStar") have jointly announced that they have entered into a definitive merger agreement for Old National to acquire CapStar in an all-stock transaction. CapStar has been recognized as the highest-performing publicly traded Tennessee-based bank by *Bank Director* each of the past three years. Locally, CapStar has 2 branches in Athens and in Monroe County with 1 in Etowah and Cleveland. Old National Bancorp is based in Evansville, Indiana. From: GlobeNewsWire

✓A well known local family owned business, Smoky Mountain Water, has been sold. Primo Water North America of Lakeland, Florida, acquired Smoky Mountain Water and began servicing their customers yesterday, November 13th. Primo Water North America is the parent company of [Crystal Springs Water](http://CrystalSpringsWater), which was founded in 1921 in Oregon. Smoky Mountain Water was founded by Melissa Flanigan and her Father Richard Flanigan in Athens in the 1980's and was located on County Road 122, just outside the Athens City Limits.

Community News Continued

✓The McMinn Senior Activity Center has announced the return of their Annual Christmas Bazaar and Craft Show on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Shop the sale for unique holiday gifts and one-of-a-kind treasures. The Senior Activity Center is located at 205 McMinn Avenue in Athens with plenty of parking. Santa will also be in attendance to take a picture with and is open to the young and the young at heart. The photo is free, but Santa is taking donations on behalf of the Senior Activity Center to go back to the social services that the Center provides to at-risk senior citizens. For more information, contact the Senior Center at 423-745-6830 or stop by Monday through Friday from 8:30a-2p.

✓There will be a special called joint session with the City of Athens Council and the Industrial Development Board of the County of McMinn on November 20th at 5 p.m. in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse.

✓The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following street closure on Thursday, November 23rd from 6:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. The area to be affected is Thompson Street from Shoemaker Street to W. Madison Avenue. The purpose of this closure is for Keith United Methodist Church's Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk. For more information, please contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.



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Special Olympics Bowling

Judy Rogers, McMinn/Meigs Area District Director of Special Olympics and the Athens Civitan Club, recently held Special Olympics Bowling at Classic Lanes. Athletes attended from Meigs East, Meigs Middle, Meigs High, Riceville, Tri-County Center, and one Independent. Pictured below are some of the participants. Photos submitted by Connie Bishop



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Obituaries

♦ **Janet Brooks**, age 63, passed away on November 10th at Erlanger Medical Center, with family by her side. Janet was known and well-loved while working in the cafeteria at Englewood school. In her most recent years, she enjoyed spending time with family and friends, especially grandchildren. She was the greatest Nanny to many. Spending October at the beach was a time she always looked forward to. Her contagious smile, good humor, and generous spirit will be greatly missed. At her request, no services will be held at this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of the arrangements.

♦ **MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**

✓ Etowah Carnegie Library will be closed 11/23-11/25 for Thanksgiving, so there will be no children's story time on Thursday, 11/23. Etowah Carnegie Library's next digital literacy class will be held on Tuesday, 11/28 at 6pm. This class will provide more in-depth instruction on Microsoft Word. Digital literacy classes are FREE and no registration is required. Participants are encouraged to bring their own devices! For more information, call (423) 263-9475 or visit us online at www.etowahlibrary.com

✓ Athens Area Council for the Arts (AACA) has announced the return of the beloved holiday show, Jazzy Little Christmas, as part of the House Blend Concert Series. "Jazzy" shows are Friday, December 8, at 7:30 PM; Saturday, December 9, at 7:30 PM; and Sunday, December 10, at 2:00 PM. For more information about AACA programs visit athensartscouncil.org, or phone 423-745-8781. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The Arts Center is located in Historic Downtown Athens, in the Main Street District, at 320 North White Street.

McMinn Co Property Sales

Listed below is a partial sampling of verifiable property sales from September 1 to October 1 in McMinn County:

397,500	Highway 310	Etowah TN
475,000	County Road 135	Riceville TN
500,000	County Road 757	Riceville TN
567,500	County Road 444	Athens TN
571,000	Highway 310	Englewood TN
589,900	County Road 3050	Athens TN
650,000	County Road 148	Riceville TN
660,000	County Road 260	Niota TN
990,000	County Road 8	Calhoun TN

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MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Stocks are ticking lower to start the week. Yields are moving higher. The 10-year treasury yield began the day around 4.7% and the 2-year yield just below 5.1% The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 54.77 to 34,337.87. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 3.69 to 4,411.55, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 30.36 to 13,767.74.

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