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Tuesday, December 05, 2023

Athens, Tennessee

MVA Co Rd 468 Englewood

The driver of a 2019 Jeep Compass (see photo) escaped injury when it overturned on Co Rd 468, Englewood close to 5pm Thursday. Englewood Rural Fire responded along with THP Officer Douglas Taylor who investigated the accident. Photo by Kenny Kirksey, Englewood Rural Fire Department



Community News You Can Use

✓E.G. Fisher Public Library is hosting some Winter fun programs during Winter break. There will be something for all ages! All programs are free, and library cards are not required to participate in programs. For more information visit www.fisherlibrary.org, <https://www.facebook.com/E.G.FisherPublicLibrary/>, or call 423-745-7782.

✓Carolyn Richey, author of the book "Last Stand at Fork Creek," received a Certificate of Appreciation from McMinn County Historical Society and Archives Vice President Jordan Carter for her presentation to the MCHSA at their December 3rd meeting.

✓The Athens Parks and Recreation Department has announced the park restrooms at Prof Powers Park, Heritage Park, Cook Park, Ingleside Complex and Fisher Field will be closed for the winter. These restrooms are not heated and are subject to freezing. The trail head restroom, the playground restroom, the lake pavilion and the concession stand restrooms at Regional Park will remain open throughout the winter. For more information, please contact the Parks & Recreation office at (423) 744-2704.



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CASA Corridor Red Shoe Gala

Save the date of Saturday, December 9th for an elegant fundraising event to support the mission of CASA Corridor of East Tennessee. This dressy casual affair will be held at St. Mary Catholic Church in Athens and will feature a heavy hors d'oeuvres buffet, a live DJ, the famous Red Shoe contest and a silent auction. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. to sounds of the holiday season and will feature inspiring guest speakers; Meigs County Judge Casey Stokes, Rhea County Judge Jace Cockran and foster parents Angela and Billy Brock. Catering will be provided by Ambiance Catering and tickets are available for \$75.00 a piece or table sponsorship for 8 is \$600.00. CASA is a non profit organization which began advocating for abused and or neglected children in 2007. The mission of CASA Corridor is to recruit, train and supervise citizen volunteers to speak out for the best interest of children who are before the juvenile courts of McMinn, Meigs and Rhea Counties. Advocates for CASA get cases moving through the child welfare system and advocate strongly to help ensure each child is in a loving, safe home. CASA volunteers do their own investigation, get to know each child and write reports directly to the judge with recommendations for what is in each child's best interest. CASA has served 5,300 children in its three-county service area and has made a difference in so many young peoples' lives thanks to countless hours of court appearances by advocates and through donations by grants and private funds. The Board and staff of CASA are thankful for the generous donations by Tennessee Valley Authority, William and Elizabeth Irvin, Piedmont Lithium, Goodfield United Methodist Church, Skylar W. Dean, AAMS Edward Jones Financial Advisor, Susan Buttram, Janet Irvin, Campaign to Elect Stephen Hatchett, Advocates in Ministry, DENSO, Athens Insurance, Hugh Willson, MBA-New York Life Insurance Company and Simmons Bank and The Small Animal Clinic. To donate an auction item or to purchase tickets, please call 423/746-9037 or on the website at www.casacorridor.org

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Stocks finished mostly lower. Real estate finished as the top-performing sector. Treasury yields closed higher. The 10-year yield finished around 4.25%. Oil prices finished around \$73 per barrel. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 41.06 to 36,204.44. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 24.85 to 4,569.78, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 119.54 to 14,185.49.

NOTIFICATION: Open Meeting of MRHS Members



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Obituaries

♦**Melvin Loy "Mel" Barker**, age 81, of Athens passed away at his home on Friday, December 1. He was a lifelong resident of McMinn County. Mel was a graduate of McMinn County High School and Tennessee Wesleyan College where he played baseball. He was a history teacher at Niota Elementary where he also coached boys' basketball, girls' basketball, and softball. Mel later joined the City of Athens as Community Development Director and then served as Athens City Manager until his retirement. He loved the game of golf, spending time with his family, camping, and watching his grandchildren play sports. He was a member of First Baptist Church. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, December 9 at 3:00 p.m. at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in Athens is in charge of arrangements

♦**Edward "Skip" Kowanetz**, age 78, of Ten Mile, passed away on Thursday, November 30. He was a United States Army Veteran where he served as an "MP", a dog handler, and was a past Commander of the VFW Post 7189 in Decatur. A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted on Wednesday, December 6 at 11 a.m. at St. Bridget Catholic Church in Dayton. Interment will follow in the Meigs County Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 5-7 on Tuesday, December 5 at Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

Main Street Moments

✓ **LISTENING REMINDER:** The program on the Main Street Athens radio show, "Main Street Moments," TODAY will be the host, Lisa Dotson, talking about Richard & Diane Pupard, owners of Grandma's Gingerbread Bakery. You can hear the program each Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, FM 94.5 and AM 1390.

Arrest Reports

From the McMinn County Justice Center

John Underwood, 37 of Athens, charged by MCSO with state violation of probation - possession of meth, violation of state probation 2X - possession of drug paraphernalia. \$3089 bond.
Darrell Bergin, 59 of Athens, charged by APD with theft of property (motor vehicle) of less than \$2500. \$2000 bond.
Timothy Rutherford, 39 of Athens, charged by APD with aggravated burglary of habitation, mailbox tampering - defacement of government property, vandalism and disorderly conduct. \$35,000 bond.
Jane Scroggs, 32 of Etowah, charged by Etowah PD with public intoxication - legend drugs. \$1000 bond.
Louis Sumpter, 62 of Rossville, Georgia, charged by MCSO with violation of order of protection. No bond.
 The accused are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered from public sources.



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