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Friday, December 08, 2023

Athens, Tennessee

Brush Fire on Co Rd 442

Wednesday around 1:30 pm on Co Rd 442, Athens a homeowner was burning brush when it got out of control and burned about a quarter of an acre of grassland. Englewood Rural Fire and Athens Rural Fire both responded. Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department.



Community News You Can Use

✓Tennessee Wesleyan University has announced plans for the University's Winter 2023 Commencement exercises. The service will award more than 60 undergraduate and graduate degrees. Commencement for the Class of 2023 will take place in the University's Townsend Hall Auditorium TODAY, Friday, December 8 at 7 p.m. The Honorable Michael Jenne is this year's Commencement speaker. Judge Jenne, a graduate of Samford University's Cumberland School of Law, serves as the Circuit Court Judge for the Tenth Judicial District, which includes Bradley, McMinn, Monroe, and Polk Counties, a position he was appointed to by Governor Bill Lee in 2021 and elected to the position in 2022. Jenne is active in several civic and community organizations, as well as professional organizations in Southeast Tennessee. He and his wife, Nan, reside in Cleveland, and have two children, Ashton and Riley. The Commencement Service will be livestreamed on the Tennessee Wesleyan University YouTube page for those wishing to watch at youtube.com/@tnwesleyan.

 <p><i>East Athens Baptist Church</i> Rev. Mike Dannel Worship Pastor/Director</p>	<p>Sunday, December 10th at 10:45 am <i>The EABC Handbell</i> Chair rings Christmas</p>	<p>Sunday, December 17th at 10:45 am <i>The Sanctuary Choir presents:</i> "Love Made A Way"</p>	<p>Sunday, December 24th at 10:45 am <i>The EABC Handbell</i> Chair rings Christmas</p>
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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT 4PM. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND ALL SERVICES.

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Athens, Tennessee

Main Street Snowball Chance Shopping Spree Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Main Street Snowball Chance Shopping Spree! Kim Farr, Charmin Branam, Renee Townsend and Sara Denny (not pictured) each received \$250 in Main Street Bucks to shop or dine at participating downtown retailers. The winners picked up their awards at the White Street Market.

In the photos below are:

Lisa Mayfield (Main Street Board Chair) presenting to Renee Townsend

Wes Risser (White Street Market employee) presenting to Charmin Branam

Photo at right: Kaylee Brady (TWU Main Street Intern) presenting to Kim Farr



L-R Lisa Mayfield, Renee Townsend



L-R Kim Farr, Kaylee



L-R Charmin Branam, Wes Risser

Arrest Reports

From the McMinn County Justice Center

Timothy Bennett, 51 of Riceville, charged by MCSO with public intoxication. \$500 bond.

Allison Davis, 39 of Loudon, charged by MCSO with unlawful drug paraphernalia, DUI by allowance and schedule II meth possession. \$15,000 bond.

Justin Rodgers, 27 of Sweetwater, charged by MCSO with violation of implied consent, unlawful drug paraphernalia, schedule II meth possession, driving on revoked license, aggravated domestic assault, aggravated kidnapping. \$98,000 bond.

Michael Hyde, 58 of Athens, charged by APD with simple assault and vandalism. \$2000 bond.

Raymond Knox, 47 of Niota, charge by APD with resisting stop, possession of meth for resale, driving while in possession of a weapon x 2 and simple possession of cocaine. \$35,500 bond.

Chloe Green, 18 of Riceville, charged by MCSO with simple possession of schedule II fentanyl and unlawful drug paraphernalia. \$7000 bond. The accused are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered from public sources.



Christmas Open House



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10



1PM—5PM

Historic Downtown Athens

Athens Arts Center: 320 N. White St

Studio 316 Community Art Space: 316 N. White St

White Street Market: 216 N. White St

Birds of A Feather: 210 N. White St

Grandma's Gingerbread Bakery: 116 N. White St

MexiWings Restaurant: 112 N. White St

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Local Churches Join Global Methodist Church

Jones Chapel and Wesleyanna Methodist churches are now members of the Global Methodist Church, which was officially launched May 1, 2022. They welcome everyone in search of learning, seeing, and experiencing the grace of God, to join them on this new and exciting journey, to see what God has in store. They invite you to Sunday Worship Services at 9:30 A.M. (Wesleyanna) and 11:00 A.M. (Jones Chapel), where God's Word is boldly proclaimed! We give much praise to God, our Savior, Jesus Christ and the discerning of the Holy Spirit that has led us to this new chapter in our respective church histories. Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly. Please visit our websites for more information:

[Jones Chapel GMC \(www://jones-chapel.org\)](http://www://jones-chapel.org) and
[Wesleyanna GMC \(www://wesleyannagmc.com\)](http://www://wesleyannagmc.com)

Church News and Events

- Union McMinn Baptist Church Live Nativity Scene will be December 8 and 9 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. They are located off I-75 Exit 56 in Niota.

- "Let There Be Peace", Christmas Play presented by Cambria Baptist Church, 305 County Road 875, Etowah. December 15th at 7:PM. Everyone is welcome.

-North Etowah Baptist Church will have a park-and-walk-through live nativity with a camel, sheep, and other animals on Saturday, December 9, 5:00-8:00 p.m. It is a free event with free refreshments.

-Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

- 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.

-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).

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT:

Stocks closed higher on Thursday. Asian stocks closed lower. Domestic yields were mostly flat on the day. Oil prices finished below \$70 per barrel. At the closing bell: The Dow Jones was up 62.95 to 36,117.98. The S&P 500 was up 36.25 to 4,585.59, and the NASDAQ was up 193.28 to 14,339.99.

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