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Tuesday, January 23, 2024 Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

✓Athens Community Theatre (ACT) is presenting "Hot Comb, Honey?", conceived and directed by ACT veteran Cynthia McCowan, for one night only: Friday, February 2, at 7:00 PM at The Arts Center in Athens. All Athens Community Theatre productions take place in the Sue E. Trotter Black Box Theater at The Arts Center, or in the newly renovated Peggy Dow Performance Center, at The Arts Center. Prices for ACT tickets range from \$15 to \$20. Patrons are encouraged to purchase tickets early, as ACT events tend to sell out on, or before, the performance date. More information about AACA programs is available at athensartscouncil.org or call 423-745-8781. Staff is available via phone, or in person, at The Arts Center. 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, Tennessee, in the Main Street District, at 320 North White Street.

Community News Continued

✓The Mid East TN Community Chorus will have their first meeting next Monday night at 7 pm at Tennessee Wesleyan University's chorus room. For more information contact Elise Howell at 423-381-0008.

✓There will be Gospel Singings at Bojangles today (Jan 23) at 6 p.m. and at Cooke Ministry Building on Walter Street, Friday at 7 p.m.

✓The free concert featuring The Right Mix scheduled for today, (Tuesday, Jan 23rd) at the Senior Center has been postponed. Updates to follow in the Morning Fax.

✓The McMinn County Election Commission will meet in regular session, Tuesday, January 30th at 5:00 pm in the conference room of the McMinn County courthouse and will conduct any election business to legally come before the board. The agenda will be posted on the bulletin board at the election office by Friday, January 25. This will be the regular meeting for January due to the weather. The election commission will be locking provisional ballot bags.

✓The McMinn Senior Activity Center is offering tax preparation this year. Appointments are available on Mondays and Thursdays from 9 am-3:30 pm. They will need a picture I.D., social security cards for all your household members, all your tax documents, and your last year's tax return. To schedule your appointment, go to www.mcminnseniors.com or locate their link on the Center's Facebook page (mcminnseniors), or call the Senior Center at 423-745-6830 to schedule an appointment, contact is Diane Hutsell, Executive Director.

TODAY IS:

- **National Hand writing Day**
- **National Pie Day [People's favorite based on a National Pie Day Poll: Apple 37%; Other 24% (chocolate was favorite on this list); Pecan 16%; Cherry 14%; and Blueberry 9%]**

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Run for the Hills
5K Trail Run

February 10, 2024

5K START TIME 8:00AM	ENTRY FEE (Includes Pancake Breakfast) \$45*
Pancake Breakfast 9:30AM - 12:00PM Kids: \$6, Adult \$10, All You Can Eat Pancakes: \$14	CHECK IN 7:00-7:45AM

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943 Crestway Dr.



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Obituaries

- ♦ **William Anthony "Andy" Jones**, age 53, passed away on December 23, 2023, at Sweetwater Hospital after battling a long illness. No formal services will be held at this time. Companion Funeral & Cremation Service is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Robert L. Miller**, age 90, of Madisonville, passed away Monday, January 22, at U.T. Medical Center in Knoxville. He was a native of Somerset, Pennsylvania. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Madisonville. He was associated with General Motors, Detroit Diesel Allison retiring in 1986, and later retired from Transportation Manufacturing Corp. in 1998. He served in the U.S. Army. A memorial service will be conducted at 1:30 pm, Saturday, January 27, at Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Josephine "Jobill" Hampton Lethco**, age 88, passed away on Sunday, January 21. Visitation will be from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM on Thursday, January 25, at Ziegler Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM at the funeral home. A graveside service will follow at Hampton Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Teresa (Terry) Wright**, age 62, a resident of Athens, passed away on Thursday evening, January 18, in a Chattanooga hospital. She was born in Indianapolis, IN. She enjoyed working puzzles, gardening, and solitaire. A service celebrating her life will take place on Wednesday, January 24 at 7:00 PM at The Upper Room Church located at 109 County Road 76 in Riceville. The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM until the 7:00 PM service time on Wednesday evening at the church also. The interment and committal service will take place on Thursday, January 25, at 2:00 PM, in the Cedar Grove Cemetery. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Tony Lynn Smith**, age 58, of Decatur, passed away on Friday, January 19th. A funeral service will be held on Friday, January 26, at 7 p.m. in the Chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. The family will receive friends from 5 - 7 p.m., prior to the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

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- ♦ **Jamie Byrum Derrick**, age 45, of Etowah passed away on Wednesday, January 10, after a courageous battle with cancer. Jamie was a former employee of The H. T. Hackney Company and a member of First Baptist Church of Etowah. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, January 28, at the First Baptist Church of Etowah. A gathering of family and friends will follow the service at the church. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Olavene Robinson Stansberry**, age 85, passed away on Saturday, January 20. She was of the Baptist faith. Visitation will be from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Monday, January 29, at Ziegler Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 7:00 PM at the funeral home. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, January 30, at McMinn Memory Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Brenda Ellen Barnett Gaston**, age 82, of Etowah, passed away Saturday, January 13, surrounded by her family. Brenda was a member of Saint Paul's United Methodist church. She worked for over 30 years as the secretary of the McMinn County Board of Education until retiring in 2002 and in 2008 she became a full-time caretaker of her husband Charles. A celebration of life service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, January 27th at Bordwine Funeral Home. Friends are invited to join the family for a time of gathering and remembrance from 12:00 to 1:00 prior to the service. Interment will follow at Coghill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements
- ♦ **John Robert "Rob" Camper**, age 76, passed away Saturday January 20th, in Athens. He grew up in Kingsport and graduated from Dobyns-Bennett High School in 1966. He attended the University of Tennessee for one year. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force, during which he was deployed to Thailand for 13 months. After his time in the Air Force, he graduated from East Tennessee State University, with a degree in Public Health and Safety. He worked in that field for many years. He grew up in St. Matthew United Methodist Church and was a long-time member of Mountain View United Methodist Church. No service or visitation is planned at this time. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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