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is accepting nominations for
Woman of the Year
Deadline: March 4, 2024
Nominations may be sent to Crescent at
P.O. Box 669, Niota or by email to:
sbboyd@crescent-inc.com or
callen@crescent-inc.com

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Athens, Tennessee

Young Man of the Year Nominations Being Accepted

✓Nominations are being accepted for the Athens "Young Man of the Year" award which will be presented to a deserving recipient at the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting which will be held this year on April 18. Candidates must be 39 years of age or younger and date of birth should be included on the application. Nomination forms are available upon request at 423-746-5202. Tennessee Wesleyan University sponsors this award and all nominations should be sent to the President's Office, Tennessee Wesleyan University, 204 East College Street, Athens, Tennessee, 37303. Deadline for nominations is Monday, March 18.

Evening With The Stars

Next up in the 2023-24 House Blend Concert Series is Evening with the Stars at the Sue E. Trotter Black Box Theater on Friday, March 22, 2024, at 7:30 PM. This showcase of regional talent will hold auditions Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 6:30 PM at The Arts Center. Evening with the Stars celebrates three decades that have launched budding performers like EmiSunshine, Kinslee Melhorn, and Raegan Graves, from the Black Box stage. This show isn't just for singers. Performances of all kinds are welcome. Whether the talent is singing, dancing, acting, or other kinds of performances, Evening with the Stars is a great place to take the stage. Those interested in auditioning should be at The Arts Center ready to perform at 6:30 PM on Thursday March 7, 2024. A pianist will be available to play live accompaniment if needed. (Continued on Page 3)

Community News You Can Use

✓The Cherokee Beekeepers Association will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 27, at 7:00 P.M. The meetings are held at the Ag-Central Farmers Cooperative located at 920 Congress Pkway. N., Athens, Tn. You do not need to be a member to attend and the public is always welcome.

✓The City of Athens Public Works Department announces street closures for next week: Parking spaces 168, 169, 170, 171, and the sidewalk on Madison Avenue from White Street to Jackson Street. These closures will be on Tuesday, February 20, from 7:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The purpose of this closure is for catch basin repairs. For more information, contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.

✓The Friends of Etowah Carnegie Library will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 20 at 5:30 pm at the library. The meeting is open to the public. Etowah Carnegie Library's next digital literacy class will be held on Tuesday, February 20 at 6pm. This class will provide an introduction to Microsoft Excel. Digital literacy classes are FREE and no registration is required. Participants are encouraged to bring their own devices!

✓The Athens Utilities Board Budget and Finance Committee meets TODAY, February 15 at 11:30:00 a.m.

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McMinn County Living Heritage Museum

Upcoming Events

HISTORY FOR LUNCH:
RESTORATION OF FOUNTAIN HILL WITH KEITH BESTER
THURSDAY, FEB. 22ND @ NOON
BRING YOUR LUNCH & LISTEN TO DETAILS OF RESTORING HIS HISTORIC HOME.
FREE ADMISSION

HERITAGE SCHOOL:
ITALIAN LESSONS III WITH JOYCE SIMPSON
SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH @ 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
LEARN HOW TO BUY ITEMS FROM A GROCERY STORE OR DEPARTMENT STORE. GREAT CLASS FOR BEGINNERS OR TRAVELERS! PART III/III
FREE FOR MEMBERS \$5 FOR NONMEMBERS

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Tuesday - Friday: 10 AM - 5 PM
Saturday: 10 AM - 1 PM
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Students: \$3.00

More Information
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Athens, TN 37303
423-745-0329
www.livingheritagemuseum.org

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR McMINN COUNTY
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY

March 5, 2024

Please use a black or blue ink pen to mark your ballot. To vote for your choice in each contest, completely fill in the box next to your choice.

Republican Primary Ballot
Candidates of the
Republican Party for
President of the United States
"I declare my preference for
candidate for the office of
President of the United States
to be:"

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

- Vote for One (1)
Ryan Binkley
Chris Christie
Ron DeSantis
Nikki Haley
Asa Hutchinson
Vivek Ramaswamy
David Stuckenberg
Donald J. Trump
Uncommitted

DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL
District 10
Unexpired Term

- Vote for One (1)
Stephen Hatchett
Jeff Miller
Shari Tayloe

ASSESSOR OF PROPERTY
Vote for One (1)

- Keith Price

SCHOOL BOARD
District 1
Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified

Write-in

SCHOOL BOARD
District 2
Vote for One (1)

- Tony Campbell

SCHOOL BOARD
District 3
Vote for One (1)

- Donna Maxwell Casteel

SCHOOL BOARD
District 4
Vote for One (1)

- Tony E. Allman
Ken Armstrong

SCHOOL BOARD
District 5
Vote for One (1)

- Taylor Cook

CONSTABLE
District 2
Unexpired Term
Vote for One (1)
No Candidate Qualified

Write-in

CONSTABLE
District 4
Unexpired Term
Vote for One (1)

- William Frank Bolton

MUNICIPAL ELECTION
City of Etowah
SCHOOL BOARD
City of Etowah
Vote for Two (2)

- Shirley Phillips

Committed and Uncommitted
Delegates at-Large
Delegate candidates are listed in
alphabetical order by
Presidential candidate
followed by uncommitted
candidates

COMMITTED and
UNCOMMITTED
DELEGATES at-LARGE
Vote for Fourteen (14)

- Charles E. Allen Jr. (Ron DeSantis)
Tina Benkiser (Ron DeSantis)
Mary Kate Brown (Ron DeSantis)
Derrick Calcote (Ron DeSantis)
Bill Campbell (Ron DeSantis)
Charlie Cato (Ron DeSantis)
Teresa Dix (Ron DeSantis)
Jason Emert (Ron DeSantis)
Brad Grantham (Ron DeSantis)
Forrest B. Hutchinson (Ron DeSantis)
Marilyn Hutchinson (Ron DeSantis)
Sherri P. Lee (Ron DeSantis)
Sondra Morris (Ron DeSantis)
Monica Mountain (Ron DeSantis)
Layne Provine (Ron DeSantis)
John R. Roberts (Ron DeSantis)
Scott Smith (Ron DeSantis)
Billy J. Stokes (Ron DeSantis)
Chad Story (Ron DeSantis)
Chris Walker (Ron DeSantis)
Debra Maggart Breske (Nikki Haley)
Todd R. Cruse (Nikki Haley)
Kevin Desmond (Nikki Haley)
Jane G. Ferrell (Nikki Haley)
Sandi Figg (Nikki Haley)
Mason Foley (Nikki Haley)
Michael Fulbright (Nikki Haley)
Betsy Funk (Nikki Haley)
Samuel Funk (Nikki Haley)
Preston George (Nikki Haley)
Cheryl S. Harvey (Nikki Haley)
Eric Joe Mayo (Nikki Haley)
Jonathan Merkh (Nikki Haley)
Don Alan Miller (Nikki Haley)
Emily Pearse (Nikki Haley)
James C. Phillips, Jr. (Nikki Haley)

- Archie Pierce (Nikki Haley)
Neil Rader (Nikki Haley)
Paul Van Hoesen (Nikki Haley)
Bill Young (Nikki Haley)
Sharon B. Anderson (Donald J. Trump)
Abigail Arpin (Donald J. Trump)
Julia Atchley-Pace (Donald J. Trump)
Kelly Barger (Donald J. Trump)
Dennis H. Beavers (Donald J. Trump)
Marilyn Betz (Donald J. Trump)
Chad Blackburn (Donald J. Trump)
Max Bonner (Donald J. Trump)
Barbara Boswell (Donald J. Trump)
Calvin Rogers Clayton (Donald J. Trump)
Jaclyn Colbeth (Donald J. Trump)
Mya Conrad (Donald J. Trump)
Gloria A. Giorno (Donald J. Trump)
Steven Tyler Giorno (Donald J. Trump)
Lucas Heaton (Donald J. Trump)
Zachary Lambert (Donald J. Trump)
Robbyn Maylott (Donald J. Trump)
Charlotte Myers (Donald J. Trump)
Stephanie Nash (Donald J. Trump)
Terri Nicholson (Donald J. Trump)
John Rose (Donald J. Trump)
Harrison Vinett (Donald J. Trump)
Rick Williams (Donald J. Trump)
Patricia Woodard (Donald J. Trump)
Lisa Ann Flowers (Uncommitted)
Dia Hart (Uncommitted)

Committed and
Uncommitted Delegates
District 3
Delegate candidates are listed in
alphabetical order by
Presidential candidate
followed by uncommitted
candidates

COMMITTED and
UNCOMMITTED
DELEGATES
DISTRICT 3
Vote for Three (3)

- Rebecca Denise Cope English (Ron DeSantis)
Emily Goldberg (Ron DeSantis)
George Gray (Ron DeSantis)
Ken Meyer (Ron DeSantis)
David Queen (Ron DeSantis)
John Samuel Stanbery (Ron DeSantis)
Bruce Bradford (Nikki Haley)
Rhonda Champion (Nikki Haley)
Teresa Lorraine Davanzo (Nikki Haley)
Jonathan Malloch (Nikki Haley)
Dustin Summers (Nikki Haley)
Ann Ayers-Colvin (Donald J. Trump)
Brenda Fleischmann (Donald J. Trump)
Chuck Fleischmann (Donald J. Trump)
William Andrew Guffee (Donald J. Trump)
Dalton Temple (Donald J. Trump)
Marsha Yessick (Donald J. Trump)
William 'Bill' Crawford (Uncommitted)
Lawrence O. Grohn (Uncommitted)

Democratic Primary Ballot
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Uncommitted

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SCHOOL BOARD
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SCHOOL BOARD
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CONSTABLE
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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Dora Lee Buckner Newman**, age 67 of Madisonville, passed away Friday, February 9. Dora was a simple woman who loved her family dearly. At any given time of the day, you could see her sitting on her porch talking on the phone or watching the birds in her front yard. She loved to sew and enjoyed passing that skill on to her older granddaughters, Sophia and Savannah. Visitation will be on Thursday, February 15th, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Poole Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Etowah, 300 N Tennessee Ave. Graveside services will be held Thursday at 2:30 p.m. in the Mars Hill Cemetery, 267 Co. Rd. 508 Englewood. Poole Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Evening With The Stars (Continued from Page 1)
Auditioners should bring sheet music if the accompanist is needed. AACA house band, September Song, will be on stage during rehearsals (Monday March 18 and Thursday March 21, both at 6:30 PM) and during the show, to back-up solo acts. Evening with the Stars tickets are \$20. For more information about AACA programs go [HERE](#) or call 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, Tennessee, in the Main Street District, at 320 North White Street.

Museum Guided Tour & Luncheon

On behalf of The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum, welcome to Athens. 'The Friendly City' is not just our slogan, it is a way of life here in the hills of the Smoky Mountains. Whether your career, retirement, our weather, or family brought you here, there are lots of ways to get involved with our community. We would like to extend an invitation for you to visit our Museum for a FREE luncheon, guided tour, and a chance to hear from local leaders and businesses about all that Athens has to offer you and your families. Please join us on February 24th between 11:00 -1:00 PM at the museum located at 522 West Madison Ave in Athens. Established in 1982, the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum, located in the old McMinn County High School, has three floors and over 12,000 artifacts unique to the rich history of McMinn County. Following the guided tour, join us in our Exhibition Hall for light hors d'oeuvres and hear from our Museum Director, County and City Leaders, School System Officials, the Chamber of Commerce, and other county leaders and businesses on what Athens can offer you and you families! If you plan to attend, please RSVP online at www.livingheritagemuseum.org/calendar or call 423-745-0329.

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- **National Gumdrop Day**
- **Singles Awareness Day**
- **National Wisconsin Day**

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