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Friday, February 15, 2019 Athens, Tennessee

UNITED WAY SURPASSES GOAL

The 2018-2019 United Way campaign of McMinn and Meigs Counties had a goal of raising \$710,000 to benefit their partner agencies. Campaign co-chairs Chris Adams and Joyce Snyder (see photo) announced at yesterday's award luncheon that the total raised was \$720,960. Two new partner agencies have joined the United Way; Grace and Mercy Ministries and McMinn County Juvenile Services.



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Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The public schools in the area are closed on Monday, February 18th, for Presidents' Day
- ✓ Ann Boyd, historian and President of the local NAACP Chapter, will host a special "Celebrate Black History Month" program at the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum Saturday. The Heritage School event will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is free to Museum members, \$5 for non-members, and includes a self-guided tour of the Museum.
- ✓ The McMinn Men's soccer team will host a pancake breakfast fundraiser at the McMinn County High School cafeteria Saturday from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The proceeds will help support the men's soccer program this spring. Drive-through service will be available.
- ✓ In case you wondered why the big U.S. Flag next to the Interstate was flying at half-staff on Thursday, it was because the motor that raises and lowers the flag is broken. American Legion officials were hoping to get the motor repaired. If they did not, it will be flying at half-staff again today.
- ✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library announces that new artwork is now on display as part of the Art Train from the Community Artist League. The current artwork is provided by Allan Sibley, who attended the Cambridge School of Art in England for five years. His current work features various mediums, such as color pencil, oil, and acrylic paints, and mixed media.

◆ ATHENS POLICE SEARCHING FOR SHOOTERS

At about 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Athens Police were dispatched to Forrest Avenue, in reference to a woman who believed she had been shot while sitting in her car. The woman called 911 and began fleeing the area. The victim was located and treated for wounds to her arms. She did not appear to have actually been shot, but she did suffer wounds to both arms from broken glass. However, evidence of gunshots were found on her vehicle and houses on Forrest Avenue. APD says they have numerous leads in the case and are attempting to identify the shooter or shooters. Since the shooting took place in the proximity of Ingleside Elementary School, officers contacted the school's staff and recommended that the school be placed on lockdown. APD asks that anyone having any further information about the case to call them at 423-744-2730.

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Friday - Cloudy with rain.
High 58. Low overnight 42.
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Obituaries

- ♦ **Anna Elizabeth Shields**, age 84, of Niota, died Wednesday. Arrangements will be announced by M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Cleveland.
- ♦ **Leilani Jones Carroll**, age 64, passed away February 7th at her home in Birmingham, Alabama. Leilani was a member of the McMinn County High School Class of 1972.
- ♦ **Eugene "Gene" M. McNutt**, age 79, of Niota, died Wednesday at Select Specialty Hospital in Knoxville. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Danny Dean Freeman, Sr.**, age 63, of Athens, died Thursday at Parkwest Medical Center. He retired from Thomas & Betts after 35 years. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at Hilltop Baptist Church, with visitation from 2 to 4 p.m. at the church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **William David "Billy" Hampton**, age 59, of Athens, died Wednesday at his home. He was a former employee of Athens Supply and Rock Springs Golf Course. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m.
- ♦ **Charles Roy Rowland**, age 61, of Englewood, died Thursday at Parkwest Medical Center. He worked in the construction industry and served in the Army as a Wheel Vehicle Mechanic. A funeral service will be Saturday at 7 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Carl Herbert Setterberg**, age 97, of Philadelphia, died Thursday at Sweetwater Hospital. Arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home of Athens.

Church News & Events

- Allen Memorial United Methodist Church will have a Chili Cook Off, Bingo, and an auction of Homemade Deserts Saturday at 6 p.m. A donation of \$10 is requested. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. For information, call Joyce Grubb at 506-0359.
- The New Bethany Baptist Church Food Pantry is open every 4th Wednesday each month at 5:30 p.m. The next Food Pantry will be February 27th in the Fellowship Hall. New Bethany Church is located on the Head of the Creek Road in Sweetwater.
- Tony Greve, former guitarist for the rock band Pop Evil, will share his testimony this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at the Madisonville Church of God and at 6 p.m. at the Englewood Church of God. He will also share his testimony Saturday at 12 noon at the conference center in the Athens Regional Park.
- Freedom Baptist Church on Velma Road in Athens will celebrate FFA Sunday at 10:45 a.m. this Sunday. All FFA students and faculty in the area are invited.
- Niota First Baptist Church now offers "Life on Wednesday" at 6 p.m. for ages K-12, with a meal, Bible study, games, and fun.
- The annual Burke's Gospel Jubilee Celebration will take place on Sunday, February 17th, at 3 p.m. at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. Featured singers will include the Douglas Family, the Hardaway Sisters, and Devine Praise. There will also be testimonies from students at Women at the Well.

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