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Athens Parks and Recreation & Starr Regional Medical Center  
2ND ANNUAL  
**Shamrock Shuffle 5K**  
AND ONE-MILE FUN RUN  
Saturday, March 16, 2019  
8:30 a.m.

Eureka Trail  
1400 E. Madison Avenue  
Athens, Tennessee

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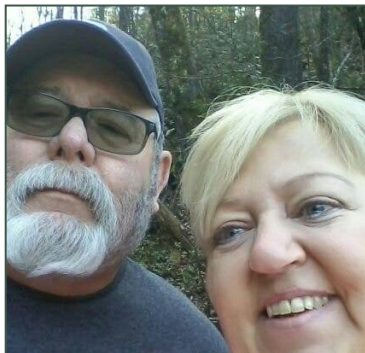


Monday, February 25, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

## Athens Couple Survive Strike

An Athens couple, Kenny and Cindy Benton, were on their way home from Nashville last week, when the SUV they were riding in was struck by lightning. The vehicle's entire electrical system was apparently destroyed and the vehicle is DOA. The couple were returning from Vanderbilt University Medical Center, where Kenny had a heart transplant about 1 year ago. Prior to the transplant, Kenny had a battery powered pacemaker to keep his heart beating and whenever he was traveling, he would keep it charged by plugging it into the electrical system of their SUV. Kenny believes that the lightning strike would have "fried" the device and he probably would not have survived. (Facebook Photo)



### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The City of Athens Public Works Department announces that the City of Athens Recycle Center will be closed today due to staff training. The Recycle Center will return to normal business hours on Tuesday, February 26th. For more information contact the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.

## Two Arrested for Human Trafficking

Athens City Police, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI), and members of the 10th Judicial District Drug Task Force conducted an undercover human trafficking operation on Thursday. According to arrest affidavits, Edgar R. Gallegos, of Morristown, exchanged money with an undercover officer posing as a 15-year-old girl with the expectations of having sex. The documents say the exchange was caught on video recordings. Officers arrested Gallegos that same day and charged him with Trafficking for a Commercial Sex Act, a felony. A second arrest report says Armadi Imade, of Sevierville, exchanged money with the same expectations. Officers charged him with the same felony. Both men are currently at the McMinn County Jail. Armadi has a bond of \$125,000 and Gallegos has a bond of \$50,000.



Edgar R. Gallegos



Armadi Imade

### RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



**February Specials >>** 2 Country Ham Biscuits \$3  
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JOIN US!  
St. Paul's Church  
Tuesday February 26<sup>th</sup>  
11AM-2PM  
ANNUAL  
SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON & BAKE SALE

Annual Spaghetti Luncheon Proceeds benefit St. Paul's feeding ministries, Morning Star Ministries, The Grace House, and the Hope Center Adults \$10~Children (<12) \$3 Eat-In, Drive-In or Deliveries Vegetarian Meals Available Call 423-744-2224

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
123 S. Jackson St.  
Athens, TN

Come out and support your Community! Our Annual Spaghetti Luncheon is the largest fund raiser St. Paul's Episcopal Church does to raise funds for our feeding ministries. Morning Star Ministries and the Hope Center. St Paul's serves a free hot lunch every Wednesday through-out the year to anyone who is hungry or in need, provides a free bag of groceries from our pantry after the meal, and supplies routine groceries for the Grace House. Morning Star Ministries provide services for adults with developmental difficulties, and the Hope Center provides services for sexually and physically abused women and children.

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7:00 Doors open, Show starts 7:30  
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\$25 Both Days \$12 Fri. \$18 Sat.  
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4:00 Reception & Celebration  
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8:45 am - 9:30am and  
Monday - Friday Afternoon  
4:15pm to 4:45 pm

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## Obituaries

♦ **Charles Wayne Parkinson**, age 86, of Riceville, died Saturday at Life Care Center of Athens. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War and had owned and operated the Parkinson Food King in Riceville. He was a Commodity Auditor for the state until his retirement. A funeral service will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Eastanallee Baptist Church with visitation beginning at 11:30 a.m. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Katy DuMars**, age 61, of Decatur, died Wednesday. She worked many years as a Paralegal. There will be no services at this time. Bowers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### ◆ NON-STOP RAIN FINALLY ENDS

According to the USDA, the amount of rain that fell on Southeast

Tennessee over the past 7 days was between 6 and 8 inches. Many roads became impassable on Saturday and Sunday. In the photo is Athens



City Manager, C. Seth Sumner (on the left), and Athens Public Works Director, Ben Burchfield, placing baricades on Mayfield Lane last Saturday. (Photo by John Coker)

## McMinn Home Sales for January

There were 31 sales of single family homes in McMinn County during the month of January. A sampling is listed below:

Highway 39E, Athens -	\$500,000
County Rd 876, Englewood -	\$369,000
Nocatula Place, Athens -	\$290,000
County Rd 752, Riceville -	\$244,500
Highway 39W, Athens -	\$229,900
County Rd 961, Riceville -	\$218,500
Brentwood Drive, Athens -	\$175,000
Crestway Drive, Athens -	\$157,500
County Rd 956, Calhoun -	\$145,000
Indiana Ave., Etowah -	\$145,000
McMinn Ave., Athens -	\$132,000
County Rd 51, Riceville -	\$131,000
County Rd 584, Englewood -	\$125,000
County Rd 119, Athens -	\$124,000
Washington Ave., Etowah -	\$113,600
County Rd 176, Athens -	\$113,000
7th St., Etowah -	\$111,900
Walker St., Athens -	\$110,000
McMinn Ave., Athens -	\$107,500
County Rd 103, Athens -	\$105,500
County Rd 115, Athens -	\$105,000
County Rd 966, Calhoun -	\$104,900
Fairhill Ave., Calhoun -	\$ 97,900
Dixon Ave., Athens -	\$ 84,000

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## Attention Hunters & Sportsmen

Hunting Heritage Banquet & Auction  
Saturday March 2nd @ 5pm  
Tickets available at  
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Contact Sean Jaquish 423-368-2503  
Location

The Barn at Faith Farms  
136 Co. Rd 260 Athens, TN