

#### Monday, March 2, 2020

### **Etowah Chamber Names Speaker**

The Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce is bringing Rik Roberts to be the Keynote speaker at the 58th Annual Banquet.



The banquet will be held on March 17th at 7 p.m. at the McMinn Central High School Cafeteria. A silent auction will precede the banquet beginning at 6 p.m.

Rik Roberts is a comedian and motivational speaker who spent his youth in Kentucky working on tobacco and horse farms. His interest in becoming the next Tom Brokaw--or perhaps host of Saturday Night Live--inspired him to get a college degree in communications. After college, he became a stand-up comedian. His comedy is 100% clean. He also teaches

comedy writing workshops across the country and writes comedy songs. He is a board member of the Christian Comedy Association. He and his wife and two children live in Nashville.

Tickets for the chamber banquet are \$30 each and are available at the chamber office.

### **Overdose Prevention Training**

The Hamilton County Coalition along with the TN Save A Life Program are providing monthly overdose prevention training in McMinn and Meigs counties throughout 2020 at no charge to the public.

The classes will be hosted by the McMinn County Emergency Management Agency (1107 South Congress Parkway, Athens) every 3rd Wednesday of the month. The classes in Meigs County will be hosted by Meigs County Emergency Services (14816 Highway 58 South) every 2nd Thursday of the month. Both training sessions begin at 6 p.m.

These classes are a part of a new wave of monthly overdose prevention training covering eight counties in the Chattanooga area. Regional Overdose Prevention Specialist Vanessa Spotts says the training comes as a result of requests to supply knowledge and tools that sometimes can be difficult to find in rural communities. She says in many of the rural areas, the medical attention that may be needed when an opioid overdose occurs may not be as readily available.

Those attending the training will learn how to identify the signs of an overdose, learn what to do in critical moments, learn about alternative pain management, and learn about treatment and recovery resources. They will also receive training on how to use Narcan, the life-saving narcotic overdose reversal medicine. For more information or to register, call (423) 305-1449.





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## Obituaries

• Margareta Willis, age 82, of Niota, died Sunday at her residence. Funeral services will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

• Revina Alberta (Sissy) Fields Carrick, age 71, of Sweetwater, died Saturday at UT Medical Center. A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Sweetwater Memorial Park with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday at Smith Funeral and Cremation Services of Athens.

• David Allen "Matt" Sewell, age 29, of Englewood, died last Thursday at his home. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Monday at Companion Funeral Home of Athens.

• Clyde Howard (Howie) Tallent, II, age 55, died Saturday at his home after a long battle with cancer. He was employed by M&M Mars and retired from the Tennessee National Guard. A celebration of life will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Bellefounte Baptist Church in Cleveland, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church. Companion Funeral Home is in charge.

Douglas Buckner, age 76, of Athens died Friday at Life Care of Athens. He was a delivery driver for United Parcel Service for 33 years. Funeral services will be 7 p.m. Monday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m.
Cleeta Wallace Buckner, age 91, of Cleveland died Friday at Life Care Center of Cleveland. She retired from Niota Textile in 1990. A funeral service will be at 12 noon on Tuesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. There will be no visitation.

## **Community News You Can Use**

◆ Donations for the 2020 Trash & Treasure Sale hosted by the Living Heritage Museum Guild can be made today through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Metro Transport Building, 3054-B Highway 11, Athens.
◆ The Athens Public Works Department announces that Madison Avenue will be closed Monday, March 2nd, from 4:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday, March 3rd, from 5:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. in front of the McMinn County Courthouse for the purpose of supply pick up and drop off at the McMinn County Election Commission for the Super Tuesday Primary.

◆ The Etowah Carnegie Library will have a Tweens/Teens Paper Airplane Contest for ages 10-15 on Wednesday, March 4th, at 4 p.m.

◆ You are invited to the Niota Depot this Friday, March 6th, at 11 a.m. for a ceremony honoring our Women Veterans. Refreshments will be provided by the DAR and Pilot Club.

◆ The public is invited to attend an open house for the new TWU Dental Hygiene program and clinic on March 10th from 4 to 6 p.m. The clinic is located in Miller Hall, 306 N. White St.

**LISTENING REMINDER:** The Main Street Athens radio show, "Main Street Moments," this week will feature Ann Davis and Laurel Wood discussing the upcoming Trash & Treasure sale. You can hear the program each Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, FM 94.5 and AM 1390 or online at wyxi.com

