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Thursday, June 30, 2022

Athens, Tennessee

Starr Regional To Expand

Starr Regional Medical Center (SMRC) has announced a \$5.4 million expansion of the hospital for a cardiac catheterization (cath) lab. Construction actually began Wednesday, June 29th. The cardiac cath lab and launching of an interventional cardiology program at SRMC means greater access to life-saving heart care in McMinn County. It is estimated to be completed in early 2023. SRMC has been working to improve the cardiac services offered within the community. The providers and technology within the cardiac cath lab will be able to diagnose and provide treatment for heart blockages and other cardiac conditions without a commute. Starr Regional Medical Center will be the only facility within 30 miles of their campuses to offer these services, allowing more patients the ability to receive this type of important life saving care closer to home.

Starr Regional is an accredited Chest Pain Center and is affiliated with Covenant Health and their cardiac providers. The accreditation, affiliation and new cardiac cath lab will be a tremendous step forward in the fight against heart disease.

The 2,500 square foot addition will be located where the Outpatient Services entrance and parking area is currently. This location is close to the emergency department, ensuring convenient access to rapid evaluation for patients experiencing a cardiac event.

New Tennessee Laws

Effective July 1st:

SB 1667: Authorizes the creation of 23 new Tennessee license plate designs, including ones for Save Our Smokies, The Muse, and the Isaiah 117 House.

SB 1670: Every school district employee that works with kids, not just teachers, must get human trafficking training.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE

Weekly Summary: 06/19/22 - 06/25/22

There were 2,233 cases (per day) and 2 deaths (per day) last week

Tennessee: 2,114,472 Total Cases 26,631 Total Deaths

COUNTY	CASES	DEATHS
McMinn	17,061	265
Meigs	3,466	59
Monroe	15,040	248
Polk	4,844	79
Bradley	34,021	421
Rhea	10,178	161

Covid-19 update information from the Tennessee Department of Health is updated on Saturday and posted to their website each Wednesday.

RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



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wysi@bellsouth.net

WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday - Humid. Clouds mixed with sun. Possible t'storms in p.m. High 88.
Thursday Night - Mostly clear & humid. Low 70.
Friday - Clouds mixed with sun. Rain. Possible t'storms. High 86.
Friday Night - Cloudy & humid. Low 69.
Weather at: wysi.com

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Obituaries

♦ **Viola Mae Peters Leslie**, age 103, of Athens, passed away on Tuesday, June 28th at her home. A funeral service will be 5 p.m. Friday, July 1st at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation beginning at 4 p.m. Interment will follow at Piney Grove Cemetery.

♦ **Ivie Boggess Hall**, age 85, of Athens, passed away Tuesday, June 28th at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. A funeral service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 30th at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday prior to the service. Interment will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Clearwater Cemetery.

♦ **John Edwin "Muscle Head" Johnson**, age 88, of Englewood, passed away Wednesday, June 29th at his home. He was a welder. The family will receive friends on Thursday, June 30th from 5 to 7 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens.

♦ **Joyce Ann Goforth Johnson**, age 82, of Athens, passed away Tuesday, June 28th in a Knoxville hospital. She was retired from Textron Industries. A service celebrating her life will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, July 2nd at Companion Funeral Home of Athens with visitation from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, prior to the service. Interment will follow in the Short Creek Cemetery.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Major indexes were mixed. The price of oil fell by more than 2%, sitting around \$109/barrel. The U.S. 10-year Treasury yield retreated to around 3.1%. European and Asian shares were lower. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Industrial Average was 82.32 to 31,029.31. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 2.72 to 3,818.33, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 3.65 to 11,177.89.

Community News You Can Use

✓ The Athens Parks and Recreation Department has announced that anyone interested in having a brick placed in the Veterans Park walkway, in honor or in memory of a veteran, must place their order by 4:30 pm on July 22nd to be included in the October 8th ceremony. In addition to a brick being placed in the walkway, brick purchasers receive an attractive certificate suitable for framing, in honor of their veteran. Veterans Park walkway bricks are \$50 each and the city also has replica bricks available for \$20 each. Replicas are 1 1/4" x 3" and are designed to take home as a souvenir as part of the ceremony. Bricks are available for purchase online at athensn.com/parks if paying with a debit/credit card, or at the Recreation Department, located in the Athens Municipal Building. "2022 is the 20th anniversary of the dedication of the Veterans Park brick walk. We will be celebrating on October 8 with a return visit from the Crew of the USS Charles R. Ware, who were in attendance 20 years ago," said Austin Fesmire, Director of Parks and Recreation. "Over the past two decades over 4,000 veterans have been honored at the park and I encourage everyone looking for a special way to honor or memorialize a veteran, to purchase a brick, as it is truly a special gift."

✓ The Town of Decatur will hold 4th of July activities with music starting at 7 p.m. and fireworks at dark. Craft and food vendors will be available. Bring your own lawn chairs.

✓ [Paralyzed Veterans of America](http://ParalyzedVeterans.org) – the nation's premier nonprofit for disabled veterans, their families, and caregivers, once again kicked off its annual checkout campaign alongside long-time supporters Food City and champion racecar driver Richard Petty. All donations made at [Food City](http://FoodCity.com), between June 29th and July 26th, will go directly towards life altering PVA programs and experiences impacting today's veterans, their families and caregivers.

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Thirty-one years ago, on May 22nd, Cheri Harrison joined the staff of WYXI Radio as a Sales Rep and is retiring officially today. When The Morning Fax debuted on June 2nd, 1997, Cheri was more than willing to not only continue in sales but accept the new challenge of designing and creating ads for the Morning Fax. Cheri wore many hats during her tenure at WYXI Radio and The Morning Fax. She was a key player in the day to day operations of the business. So long Cheri! We are not saying goodbye, but we will miss you! Enjoy the next chapters of your life and the adventures that are in store for you...but most of all...have fun. You deserve it!



Cheri Harrison

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