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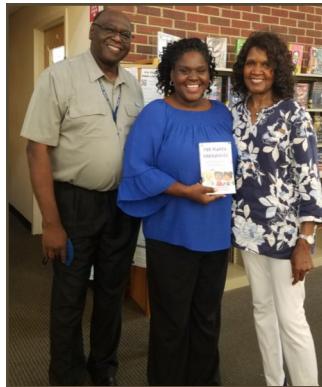
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Athens, Tennessee

Meet Vanessa Hardaway

Main Street Athens sent us these photos of a recent book signing at E.G. Fisher Library for hometown educator and now author, Vanessa Hardaway. Vanessa is the author of "The Kinder Chronicles, Big Life Lessons from Tiny Plastic Chairs" and is currently a kindergarten teacher in Cumberland County School District in Fayetteville, NC but calls Athens her official home. These heartwarming stories are a span of Vanessa's twenty-plus years in the classroom and are guaranteed to make you smile, laugh, and most



importantly, think from a child's point of view. Vanessa will share her journey during an interview on the Main Street Moments radio program today, July 26th at 8:15 a.m., and again during a book signing at the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum on Saturday, July 30th from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The photo above is Vanessa with her parents Dr. Vant Hardaway and Dr. Janice Hardaway of Athens. The photo at left is Vanessa with local resident and friend Jennifer Hardison.



Community News You Can Use

- ✓ Athens City Schools PreK registration packets are now available at 943 Crestway Drive or call 745-1516 for more information.
- ✓ The Cherokee Beekeepers Association will hold their monthly meeting today, July 26th at 7 p.m. at Ag-Central Co-Op located at 920 Congress Parkway N. in Athens. You do not have to be a member to attend. Anyone who wants to learn more about beekeeping is encouraged to attend.
- ✓ There will be gospel singing tonight at Bojangles beginning at 6:15 p.m. The featured singer will be Terry Hall.

TODAY IN HISTORY - JUL 26th

- 1775** - A postal system was established by the 2nd Continental Congress. The first Postmaster General was Benjamin Franklin. He was paid \$1,000 a year.
- 1788** - New York became the 11th state. New York City used to be the capital, but in 1796 the capital was moved to Albany.
- 1945** - Winston Churchill resigned as Britain's prime minister after his Conservatives were soundly defeated by the Labor Party. He was succeeded by Clement Attlee.
- 1947** - President Harry S Truman signed the National Security Act, creating the Department of Defense, the National Security Council, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
- 1964** - Teamsters president Jimmy Hoffa and six others were convicted of fraud and conspiracy in the handling of a union pension fund.

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Jane McCallister West Wheeler**, age 67, of Etowah, passed away Sunday, July 24th. She served as treasurer for several years at the Cambria Baptist Church and was a volunteer at the Athens-McMinn Senior Center. She retired from Johns Manville as HR Manager. A graveside service will be on Friday, July 29th at 10 a.m. in the Green Hill Cemetery. There will be no formal visitation. Decatur Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

♦ **Irene Harris Croft**, age 84, of Madisonville, passed away Sunday, July 24th at Parkwest Medical Center. A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at New Bethel Church of God with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Biereley-Hale Funeral Home in Madisonville. The body will lie in state one hour prior to the funeral service. Interment will follow in New Bethel Cemetery. Biereley-Hale Funeral Home in Madisonville is in charge.

♦ **Grady Sherman Derrick**, age 85, of Reliance, formerly of McMinn County, passed away Friday, July 22nd at his home one day after he and his wife celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary. He was retired from Johns Manville and was a volunteer with West Polk Fire & Rescue. A service celebrating his life will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Towee Baptist Church in Reliance with visitation on Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. prior to the service. Interment will follow in the Witt/McCulley Cemetery with military honors. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

♦ **Rebecca (Becky) Porter**, age 70, of Englewood, passed away Monday at U.T. Medical Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Good Samaritan Funeral Home.

National News

♦ Firefighters deployed air tankers, bulldozers and hand crews to battle a fast-moving wildfire just west of Yosemite National Park on Sunday. The fire suddenly and unpredictably grew into one of the largest fires of the year, forcing thousands of evacuations. By Sunday, the fire had consumed 15,603 acres, and was zero percent contained, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

♦ According to a memo from President Joe Biden's physician, the President's COVID-19 symptoms "have now almost completely resolved" since he tested positive last week. The physician said that Biden's cough and body aches had diminished and he was not facing any shortness of breath..

LISTENING REMINDER: The guest on Main Street Moments today will be Vanessa Hardaway, Author of *"The Kinder Chronicles, Big Life Lessons from Tiny Plastic Chairs"*. Vanessa is a kindergarten teacher in Cumberland County School District in Fayetteville, N.C. The program will be heard at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday (today) on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT So far in July, the Dow is up 3.9%. For now, this could be the best month of the year. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 90.75 to 31,990.04 The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 5.21 to 3,966.84, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 51.45 to 11,782.67.

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- Rhonda Cooley - Circuit Court Clerk

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- Dale Holbrook - District 4
- Charlie Slack- District 4
- Tim King - District 3
- Roger Masingale - District 3
- Brent Carter - District 1
- Tad Simpson - District 1
- J.W. McPhail - District 2
- Jerry Millsaps - District 2
- Travis Crisp - District 5
- Scott Curtis - District 5

School board :

- Joe Malone - District 1
- Kevin Goins - District 2
- Mike Cochran - District 3
- Bill Irvin - District 4
- Dustin Prichard - District 5

**It matters who governs. Early voting ends
July 30th. Election Day is August 4th.**