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Local News

◆ The Meigs County Sheriff's Office investigated an incident that involved Meigs County High School last week. A minor was arrested and found to have a notebook containing "concerning entries" about Meigs County High. The concerning entries were not specified. The Sheriff's office said when the juvenile was arrested, it was not on school property and was not during school hours. The juvenile was found to possess the notebook then. A thorough search showed there was no evidence to back up the so called concerning entries related to the school. The Sheriff's Department conducted actions to ensure the safety of everyone at Meigs High. The suspect, who has not been identified, was placed in custody.

◆ A trial date has now been set for Melissa Blair, 39, of Englewood who was charged in early 2022 with having sexual contact with at least 18 teenage boys that resulted in more than 40 criminal counts. Blair now faces a trial date of August 8th, 2023 which was set last week by Circuit Court Judge Andrew Freiberg. Blair is free on a \$1 million bond. She is prohibited from being on school property and must remain in her vehicle when dropping off or picking up her children at school.

Community News You Can

✓ The McMinn County Election Commission regular meeting for October 18th has been changed to Monday, October 17th at 5 p.m. in the conference room of the McMinn County Courthouse.

✓ The Athens Farmers Market will be at the Market Park Pavilion on Saturday's from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon through October 29th.

✓ The McMinn County High School Class of 1962 is having a 60th Reunion in the Banquet room of the Greek Café in Riceville on October 22nd. There will be a Meet and Greet at 6 p.m. with a buffet dinner to follow at 6:30 p.m. If you have questions, please call Pat Dannel Bledsoe at 423-829-6376.

✓ Lakeview Baptist Church located at 183 County Road 126 is having Community Day/Car Show on Saturday, October 15th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will Gospel Music, food and door prizes. The speaker will be Robert Gibson, former inmate at Brushy Mountain Prison. The event is free and everyone is welcome.

✓ The VFW will be having a pork plate dinner Saturday from 1 to 3. The price is \$10 and benefits Toys for Tots and Veterans Suicide Awareness.

◆ The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be Chelsea Perkins. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.

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Obituaries

- ◆ **Billie Dannel White**, age 90, of Decatur, passed away Saturday, October 8th at her home. A funeral service will be Wednesday, October 12th at 2 p.m. at Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services with visitation from 12 to 2 p.m. prior to the service. Interment will follow at Meigs County Memorial Gardens.
- ◆ **Dorothy D. Couch Barnes**, age 92, passed away Tuesday, October 11th at Sweetwater Rehab and Nursing. She was a native of Hamilton County and a resident of Meigs County all her life. She worked as a seamstress at many different industries. A graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, October 13th at Walnut Grove Cemetery. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.
- ◆ **Roy Lee Anderson**, age 84, of Athens, passed away Tuesday, October 11th at his residence. He was a native of Niota and a lifelong resident of McMinn County. He was a veteran of the United States Army and worked as a truck driver for Anderson Farms. A graveside service will be at 12 noon Friday, October 14th at Foster Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

HDTA Meeting

There will be a meeting with Ben Burchfield, City of Athens Public Works Director, to discuss the specifics of the Historic Downtown Transportation Alternatives (HDTA), which is the strategic plan for downtown improvements as it pertains to traffic flow, sidewalks, parking, greenspace, and parklets. Everyone is invited to participate in this initial discussion. The meeting will be Friday, October 21st at 10 a.m. at The Event Space at White Street Market located at 3 West College Street. After the discussion and input, the design/engineering work will begin and ultimately move into construction. If you would like to be included in this meeting, but cannot attend in person, see contact info below. A link will be sent to your email and you can join virtually. If you have not seen the plan that was developed by Consultants from the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, click on this link https://issuu.com/rsvpstudio/docs/athens_final_report This plan was adopted by the Athens City Council and Main Street as a guide for improvements. For more info contact Lisa Dotson at 423-333.0329 or Ben Burchfield with the City of Athens Public Works department.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Equities closed lower. The Dow Jones finished slightly higher. U.S. 10-year yields moved higher, trading around 3.9%. Renewed efforts by Chinese authorities to adhere to a zero-COVID-19 policy are sending the price of commodities lower, as investors fear further lockdowns and economic restrictions. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 36.31 to 29,239.19. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 23.55 to 3,588.84, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 115.91 to 10,426.19.

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