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**HERITAGE
ANTIQUES**

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Athens, Tennessee

Methamphetamine Seized

From Athens Police Chief Schultz: "Officers from the Athens Police Department seized over two pounds of methamphetamine on April 25th. This was a result of the hard work and dedication of our officers and their efforts to keep our city safe. I am especially proud of the K-9 team of Corporal Savana Smith and Dunya. Their persistence and training are a very big part in ridding Athens of these dangerous drugs." FB photo



Community News You Can Use

✓ There will be a city wide yard sale in Calhoun Saturday, April 29th from 8 am to 7 pm. Look for the signs on Hwy 11 and 163 as well as major intersections around town. More Community News on Page 2

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax. If you take a newsworthy photograph, send it to: wyradio@gmail.com

WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday - Possible rain. High 67.
Thurs. Night - Rain and possible t'storms. Low 62.
Friday - Cloudy & warmer. Possible rain. High 75.
Saturday - Low clouds. High 75.
Saturday Night - Cloudy. Low 52.
Sunday - Cloudy. Possible rain. High 71.
Weather at: wysi.com



NOW HIRING LIFEGUARDS FOR ETOWAH

Come work at the City of Etowah! We are excited to begin our third season in our Parks & Recreation Department with our community pool & pool facility. We are looking to hire experienced or trainable & certifiable Lifeguards to help maintain the safety & well-being of our guest at our swimming facility. If you're hard-working & dedicated, Etowah is an ideal place to get ahead. Apply today! Our pool opening is scheduled for Saturday, May 27, 2023 & the season will last until Labor Day Monday, September 4. Our lifeguard hourly rate will range from \$11.00 per hour.

Don't wait, come join us at the City of Etowah!! Applications are available on our website: : www.cityofetowah.tn.com EOE



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Obituaries

- ♦ **Betty Ross Miller Letner**, age 85, of Niota, passed away Tuesday, April 25th at her residence. A funeral service will be Monday, May 1st at 3 p.m. at Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Interment will follow in the Decatur cemetery. Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. prior to the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Burl C. "Harry" Harrison**, 85, passed away Tuesday, April 25th at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. He was a native of McMinn County and had recently moved back to Athens. Harry had retired from Mayfield and served in the U.S. Navy. There will be no formal services. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

- ♦ **MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**
- ✓ County Road 718 – The Nipper Road will be closed beginning Monday, May 8th thru Friday, May 12th, from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm daily for Sink Hole repair by TDOT.
- ✓ There will be a pancake/sausage breakfast Saturday, April 29th from 7:30 an to 10 am at the McMinn Senior Center to benefit the McMinn Regional Humane Society. Tickets are \$5. Kids under age 4 eat free.
- ✓ [Scroll to page 3 to see recent Starr Regional Awards Info.](#)

Unauthorized Control Burn

Thursday night at 9 a large boom and fire was reported at County Road 498, Etowah. Upon arrival of fire personnel, they found the fire to be an unauthorized control burn and was extinguished. Etowah Rural Fire, Etowah City Fire and Englewood Rural Fire Departments all responded with Etowah Rural Fire LT Christian Spurgeon was in command of the scene. *****Please note until May15th all control burns must be issued a burn permit through the TN Division of Forestry*****
Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept



WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 228.96 to 33,301.87. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 15.64 to 4,055.99 and the NASDAQ Composite Index was 0.00 to 11,854.35.

May 1-12
Donate to Grace House



Simmons Bank on Park Street is now collecting **toiletry and hygienic items** benefiting Grace House.

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Simmons Bank is proud to support Grace House's mission of supporting men who are experiencing addiction and homelessness.



 **McMinn County Living Heritage Museum**
Upcoming Events

THE COMMUNITY ARTISTS LEAGUE OF ATHENS CALLING ALL ARTISTS
MAY OPEN ART SHOW
ARTISTS 18 AND OLDER
ENTRIES MUST BE ORIGINAL & CREATED WITHIN THE LAST 2 YEARS. CASH PRIZES.
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More Information
522 W Madison Ave.
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Starr Regional's Annual Service Awards Banquet

Starr Regional Medical Center recently hosted its annual service awards banquet to honor employees who achieved 5 years or more of service (in 5-year increments) between January 1 and December 31, 2022, as well as employees who received recognition throughout the year as winners of the 2022 Mercy Award, The DAISY Award, and Shining Starr Award. "It is an honor to recognize and celebrate our employees for their commitment to serving others through a career in healthcare. From clinical to administrative staff, each employee plays an important role in enhancing our mission of *making communities healthier*," said John McLain, Starr Regional Medical Center Chief Executive Officer. "Our vision is to create places where people choose to come for healthcare, physicians and providers want to practice, and employees want to work. Our mission and vision strengthen our facilities' culture, which I believe is the reason we have the opportunity to celebrate such a large number of dedicated employees for service ranging from five to 45 years every year." Employees honored for their years of service at this year's event and their respective departments include those listed below: Photos submitted by Brandi Armstrong with SRMC.

45 Years

Teddie Hambaugh, Emergency Room

35 Years

Susan Hicks, IT & S

Susie Knox, Medical & Surgical Unit

Kathy Waller, Laboratory

30 Years

Wendi Peels, Business Office

Frances Plumley, Intensive Care Unit

25 Years

Teresa Cain, Cardiopulmonary Unit

Patti Horne, Risk Management

Jessica McCarter, Nursery Unit

Kimberly Powers, Emergency Room

20 Years

Tammy Averett, Health Information Management

Rose Blevins, Pharmacy

Ann Hacker, Accounting

Trina Ingram, Senior Care

Cynthia King, Athens Surgery Center

Michael Mullinax, Outpatient Surgery

Debbie Valadez, Starr Regional Family Practice

15 Years

Cayci Breeden, Intensive Care Unit

Chris Cooper, Security

Joyce Daniels, Patient Education & Outreach

Gina Davis, Central Sterile Processing

Robin Duckett, Athens Surgery Center

Carrie Hensley, Breast Center

Leslie Sharp, Medical & Surgical Unit

Ruth Timm, Materials Management

10 Years

Jodie Harrill, Patient Billing

Rebecca Mahery, IT & S

Leslie Mitchum, Athens Surgery Center

Jennifer Moses, Human Resources

Terrie Ruff, Senior Care

Whitney Saffles, Outpatient Rehabilitation

Mitchell Stinnett, Medical & Surgical Unit

5 Years

Wendy Jo Allmon, Athens Family Practice

Shane Bailey, Plant Operations

Patricia Bare, Starr Regional Health & Rehabilitation

Carrie Byrum, Starr Regional Health & Rehabilitation

Timothy Collins, MD, Starr Regional Family Practice

Amanda Croft, Athens Family Practice

April Elkins, Labor & Delivery

Dorothy Frost, Medical Associates of Athens



Special recognition was also given for recipients of the following awards: 2022 Mercy Award winner Hollie Baker, Case Management; 2022 DAISY Award recipient Abigail Newberry, RN, nursing supervisor; and 2022 Shining Starr winners Hollie Baker, Case Management; Tonya Debuty, Wound Care Center; Lorinda Madden, Environmental Services; and Megan Webster, Starr Regional Health & Rehabilitation. Starr Regional Medical Center is one of the largest employers in McMinn County. The two-hospital system offers excellent opportunities for healthcare professionals, both clinical and non-clinical, to utilize their skills in an environment that values quality care and job satisfaction yet recognizes individual talents and abilities. For more information about career opportunities at Starr Regional Medical Center and its affiliated physician practices, visit StarrRegional.com/careers.

