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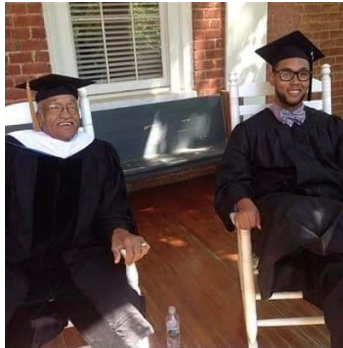
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Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Athens, Tennessee

Burkett Witt & Joshua Bragg

The City of Athens lost an Icon last Friday, when former Athens Mayor Burkett Witt passed away at the age of 97. Burkett was a well know Chef and restaurant owner in Athens. He ran the Tennessee Wesleyan College Grill in the late 50's and early 60's. He also had a restaurant on 'Front Street' for many years. He was most famous for his Barbecue and opened a new BBQ restaurant on the corner of Decatur



Pike and Dupit Street in the 70's and later across from the old R.E.L. Hotel. His Great Grandson, Joshua Bragg, shared these photos with us, showing when Burkett was awarded an honorary Doctorate Degree from TWU; the same time Josh graduated from TWU. Josh is now a music teacher with Athens City Schools. See Obituaries for Dr. Witt and others on pages 2 AND 3.



Community News You Can Use

- ✓The governing body of McMinn County will convene and meet in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse, in Regular Session on August 21st at 7:30 pm, to: Review and Approve Contracts; Approve Budget Amendments; Rachel Swafford with the Tennessee Department of Health will give an update on McMinn County Health, and comments from the audience. There will be reports from Committees, County Officials, Comments from Commissioners; Comments from the County Mayor; Approval of Notary Applications, and they will transact such other business as may legally come before the Commissioners.
- ✓The monthly meeting for the Cherokee Beekeepers Association will take place on Tuesday, August 22nd at 7:00 P.M. The meeting is being held at the AgCentral Farmers Cooperative located at 920 Congress Pkwy. N., Athens. The public is welcome, and you do not need to be a member to attend.

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Obituaries



♦**Burkett Levon Witt**, age 97, passed away on August 11th. He was a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather and uncle that spanned five generations. He loved the Lord and his church, and his favorite song was "Amazing Grace." He was married to Mildred Scott Witt for 55 years before her death in 2000. A Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, August 19th at 5:00

p.m. at McMinn County High School gymnasium, with Rev. Vant Hardaway delivering the eulogy, and Rev. Walter King officiating. The family will receive friends one hour before the service from 4:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Visitation will also be on Friday, August 18th from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Light of Life Faith Ministries International, 1112 Congress Parkway, North, Athens. Interment will follow the Celebration of Life Service on Saturday with a military honor guard at Hammonds Cemetery in Athens. M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

♦**Jesse Underdown**, age 86, of Riceville, passed away Monday, August 14th at his residence. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

Obituaries Continued

♦**John S. (Johnny) Mooney**, age 76 of Etowah, died Tuesday August 8th in a local hospital. He was a graduate of J. L. Cook high school. He served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam Era and received the highest military honor of a purple heart for his duty and bravery. He was also a graduate of the Tennessee Technology Center with a Drafting and Design degree. He joined Harwell Chapel Church at an early age and became a trustee after his time served in the army. Funeral services will be Saturday, August 19th at 1:00 p.m. at Harwell Chapel Church in Etowah. Visitation will be one hour before the service at the church from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m., and Interment will follow the service at Woodlawn Cemetery in Etowah, with a military honor guard. M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

♦**David Alan Tuggle**, age 52, a native of Etowah, passed away on Saturday, August 12th at his home in Vonore, surrounded by family. He succumbed to ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) after a two-year battle. David graduated from McMinn Central High School and attended the University of Tennessee. He worked for 26 years as a locomotive engineer for CSX, proudly following in his father's footsteps. An ardent sports fan, he especially enjoyed NCAA March Madness, University of Tennessee athletics, and the Boston Celtics. A Celebration of Life will be held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 16th at Bordwine Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., prior to the service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

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Obituaries Continued

♦**George Taylor Hester**, age 79, of Philadelphia, passed away on Saturday, August 12th at his residence. He was a native of Tellico Plains and longtime resident of Meigs County. Visitation will be from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM on Wednesday, August 16th at Ziegler Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 2:00 PM. Interment will follow in McMinn Memory Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦**Dona Wilcox**, age 76, of Athens, passed away Sunday, August 13th at his residence. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

♦**Lindsay Leann Crisp**, age 36, of Niota, passed away on Sunday, August 13th. She was a native and longtime resident of Maryville. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦**David Mark McKenzie**, age 49, of Etowah, formerly of Englewood, passed away on Friday, August 11th. He was a member of Maple Springs Baptist Church in Reliance and a graduate of McMinn Central High School. He was the class clown and was always full of laughter while aggravating his most special friends. He was an avid fan of the University of Alabama Crimson Tide and enjoyed the rivalry with the UT Vols. He spent time on the golf course and in pool tournaments. As much as he enjoyed his hobbies, he most loved the time he spent with his faithful dog, Jack. A funeral service will be held at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, August 17th at Bordwine Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Thursday prior to the service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

The Athens City Council will meet in regular session this evening at the Athens Municipal Building Burkitt Witt Council Chambers at 6p. A complete listing of the agenda and supporting documents can be accessed by clicking or tapping: [HERE](#)

Vehicle Overturns

While over correcting to return to the roadway the driver lost control of this 2009 Hyundai Elantra overturning on Hwy 307 near Co Rd 364, Niota close to 10:00 Saturday morning. No medical transport was needed as the driver sustained only minor injuries. Athens Rural Fire, Englewood Rural Fire, Niota Rural Fire, McMinn County Sheriff's Dept, and AMR all responded. THP Officer Travis Ryans investigated the accident. Athens Rural LT. Theo Arnwine was in command of the scene. Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department



MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Equity markets spent much of the day bouncing around before closing higher. Crude prices were lower. The 10-year Treasury yield was below 4.2%. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 26.23 to 35,30763. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 25.67 to 4,489.72, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 143.48 to 13,788.33.

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Tuesday - Partly sunny. T'storms in PM. High 84.

Tue. night - Mainly Clear. Low 62.

Wednesday - Mostly sunny and pleasant. High 80.

Wednesday Night - Clear. Low 61.

Thursday - Mostly sunny and pleasant. High 84.

Thursday Night - Clear. Low 61.

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