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### Community News You Can Use

✓ McMinn County High School is hosting an International Day Celebration on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 at MCHS to celebrate and showcase different countries and cultures from around the world. Their current events include local food trucks that have internationally inspired cuisine, student presentations about different countries, presentations from foreign exchange students, food samples prepared by their culinary students, music, dancing, crafts, and much more. Entry to the event is free and open to students, parents, and the community.

✓ The McMinn Senior Activity Center has announced the new Creative Aging arts and crafts class list. The first class is a Christmas Card Making Class on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm and on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, at 10am. The class is suitable for all skill levels and at the end, participants will have created a beautiful, hand-crafted Christmas card for someone special. There are several classes that will be scheduled throughout the year including a *Learn to Crochet* class that is held every Wednesday and begins at 10:30am as well as pottery, decoupage, watercolor, ceramic painting, jewelry making, basket weaving

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### Community News Continued

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and more. The Creative Aging Arts Series is funded by a generous contribution from the C. Scott and Muriel Mayfield Foundation. All supplies and instruction for the class will be free to senior citizens (ages 60 and up). And while anyone in the community aged 18 and up is invited to join these classes, there will be a \$5 charge to all non-seniors, which must be paid in advance to reserve your seat in the class. Seating is limited. For more information or to sign up for the class, contact the Senior Center at 423-745-6830 or stop by from 8a-4p at 205 McMinn Ave in Athens.

**MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** Coming off their best weekly gain in a year, equities were just above the flat line in early trading. Asian equities were higher and European markets slightly lower. 10-year Treasury Yield rates were up modestly near 4.6%. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 34.54 to 34,095.86. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 7.64 to 4,365.98, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 40.50 to 13,518.78.

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## Obituaries

**William C. "Billy" Adams**, age 96, of Athens, passed away Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at his residence. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens.

◆ **TVFCU VA IOANS:** Tennessee Valley Federal Credit Union (TVFCU) has announced the expansion of its mortgage services to include direct VA (Veterans Affairs) loans. VA loans, backed by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, are designed to provide eligible veterans, active-duty service members and their families with affordable and accessible mortgage options. "We are incredibly proud to offer VA loans as part of our commitment to those who have selflessly served our country," said Eric Weekley, Vice President of Mortgage and Consumer Lending. "Our goal is to make the dream of home ownership a reality for our veterans, and VA loans are an excellent way to achieve that. TVFCU has consistently strived to support the financial well-being of our members. Our expansion to include VA loans is a testament to our dedication to serving veterans and active-duty military personnel with all of their financing needs." VA loans often come with competitive interest rates, lower down payment requirements and more flexible qualifying criteria, making it easier for veterans to purchase or refinance their homes. Key benefits of VA loan offerings include: 1. Competitive Interest Rates: VA loans feature competitive interest rates to ensure veterans and their families can secure affordable financing for their homes. 2. Lower Down Payment: VA loans typically require little to no down payment, making it easier for eligible borrowers to become homeowners. 3. No Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI): VA loans do not require PMI, which can save borrowers money on their monthly mortgage payments. 4. Easier Qualification: VA loans have more flexible qualification requirements, making it easier for veterans to secure financing. 5. Dedicated Support: TVFCU's team of experts stands ready to provide personalized guidance throughout the loan application and approval process. For more information about VA loans and to explore other financial products and services from TVFCU, please visit [tvfcu.com](http://tvfcu.com) or call at 423-634-3600.

## McMinn Co Property Sales

Listed below is a partial sampling of verifiable property sales from September 1 to October 1 in McMinn County:

Close Price	Street Name	City, State
225,000	County Road 115	Athens TN
225,000	County Road 135	Athens TN
230,000	Highway 307	Niota TN
232,000	County Road 500	Etowah TN
239,000	County Road 725	Riceville TN
249,500	Railroad Ave	Athens TN
259,000	County Road 704	Athens TN
259,900	County Road 890 Lot 1	Etowah TN
259,900	County Road 890	Etowah TN
295,000	Guthrie Rd	Athens TN
299,850	County Road 316	Niota TN
299,900	Highland Avenue	Athens TN
311,000	Highway 30 East	Athens TN
314,900	Lynnwood	Athens TN
319,000	Virginia Avenue	Athens TN
335,000	County Road 804	Etowah TN

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## Choate Printing Changes Hands



The public is invited to drop by the Choate Printing offices on Ohio Avenue to say “Goodbye” to Helen & the staff of Choate Printing & enjoy lite refreshments and share a story or two. Choate Printing was started back in 1965 by Gene & Carolyn Choate. He sold it in 2006 and it changed hands a couple of times before Helen Mullins bought it in 2013. Helen worked for Gene Choate from 1985 to 1997 and then returned to manage it in 2011 before purchasing it in 2013. Helen, a longtime resident of Etowah, will be helping her daughter, Michelle, run Endless Printworks in Athens. Choate was purchased by Printing Expressions of Red Bank, TN. Sherry McKee has been hired by them and will continue to service this area and their printing needs. Pictured are L to R - Steve Wall, Helen Mullins, Jacci Thromberry, Kathy Newman, “Wheatie” and Sherry McKee. Photo submitted by Nancy Dalton

## McMinn County Historical 2023-2025 Officers

The McMinn County Historical Society recently had its election of officers for the 2023-2025 term. Pictured: (L to R) President Tyler L. Boyd; Vice President Jordan Bell Carter; Recording Secretary Jason Wright; Corresponding Secretary Steven Sherlin; Treasurer Donald Hoppel. The Society extended their profound gratitude to Fred Underdown for his 12 years of service as President and thanked Sally Mayrhofer, Joe Guy, and Janet Cantrell for their service on the board as they rotate off. Photo submitted by Tyler Boyd.

