Friday, September 8, 2017
Athens, Tennessee

State and Local News

◆ UNITED WAY KICKS OFF 2018 CAMPAIGN
United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties has set a goal of $700,000 for its 2018 campaign. At the kickoff luncheon yesterday, campaign co-chairs Chris Adams and Shane Sewell reported that more than $370,000 has already been pledged. Picture in the photo above are Adams, Sewell, and United Way President Randy Mullins.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:
✓ The Meigs County High School Football Boosters Club is holding a Pre-Game meal as a fund raiser from 5 to 7 p.m. today in the Meigs High School Cafeteria. Your can get grilled pork loin or a Nathan’s All Beef Hot Dog with vegetables and a drink for $6 in advance or $7 at the door.
✓ The annual Fried Green Tomato Festival will be held tonight and tomorrow in downtown Niota. The Festival kicks off with a showing of the movie, “Fried Green Tomatoes,” at the Niota Depot starting at dusk tonight. Bring a lawn chair.

National & World News

◆ Irma, dubbed the most powerful Atlantic storm in a decade, with sustained winds of 180 mph, moved away from the northern coast of Puerto Rico and over the Dominican Republic and Haiti Thursday. The powerful Category 5 storm has set its sights on south Florida after leaving a trail of death and destruction in the Caribbean. At least 13 people have been killed.

◆ EXPLOSION AT WACKER CHEMIE PLANT
A mechanical failure Thursday afternoon around 4 p.m. caused an explosion which resulted in a release of low level hydrochloric acid that formed a large steam cloud over the area around the Wacker plant near Charleston. No injuries were reported, but one employee was taken to the hospital with a cardiac problem. It was the second release from the plant within a week.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:
✓ The Gem Players present “The Sugar Bean Sisters” September 15th through October 1st. For times and schedule, call 263-3270.
✓ The Cancer Support Group that meets at Athens Church of Christ will have McMinn County Nurse, Brittany Hopkins, making a presentation on “Nutrition and Cancer” at their next meeting Tuesday evening, Sept. 12th, at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited.

FOOTBALL: The McMinn Cherokees travel to Rhea County for tonight’s game...McMinn Central plays at Polk County...and Meigs County is at home against Sequatchie County. Tennessee for tonight’s game...McMinn Central plays at Polk County...and Meigs County is at home against Sequatchie County. Tennessee plays at home on Saturday hosting Indiana State University. The kickoff is at 4 p.m. TV coverage is on the SEC Network.
Church News and Events

~ The Mt. Olive Male Chorus of Etowah will be singing at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church this Sunday at 11 a.m. The church is located at 923 Ohio Avenue. Pictured are the members of the Chorus, left to right: Willie Wright, John Boyd, Terry Ray, Dawson Linder, Larry Jones, and Dennis Billingsley. Not pictured is Adrian Billingsley.

~ Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, 126 County Road 881, Etowah, will celebrate Homecoming this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with special singing by Eastern Sky and the Stewart Brothers. Former pastor Mike Hubble will be the speaker. Dinner will be held in the fellowship hall following the service.

~ Harwell Chapel AME Zion Church at 374 County Road 890, Etowah, will have its Homecoming Celebration this Sunday at 11 a.m. Rev. McDaniel Bowman of Chattanooga will speak.

Obituaries

~ William Lawson “Doug” Nunley, age 65, of Jacksonville, Florida (and formerly of Athens), died Tuesday in Jacksonville after a lengthy battle with cancer. Announcement courtesy of Ziegler Funeral Home.

THURSDAY’S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks finished little changed. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 23 points or 0.1% to 21,785. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was unchanged at 2,465, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 5 points or 0.1% to 6,398.

More Church News

~ Greater Deliverance Ministries celebrates 20 years in the ministry this weekend. At 5 p.m. Saturday, Clara Brown-Draughn, Jessica Hitte, and The Apostles’ will be in concert. Sunday morning's guest will be Bishop Clara Brown-Draughn. Pastors of Greater Deliverance Ministries are Alvin & Angela Arnwine. The church is located at 2329 Clearwater Road.

~ The Tennessee State Gospel Singing Convention will be held at Clear Springs Baptist Church, 653 County Road 100, tonight at 7 and Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

~ The women at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church at 123 S. Jackson Street, Athens, will have a rummage sale Saturday from 8 to 1.

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