

Friday, November 8, 2019

Gun Found Near EK Baker

A student retrieving a ball that had gone over a fence at E.K. Baker School Wednesday afternoon found a rusty handgun. The School Resource officer was notified and determined it was a rusted, inoperable, unloaded handgun located about 20 feet off school campus in a wooded area. A 6th grader told school officials he had brought the gun to school last May to "show it off," but had gotten scared and threw it over the fence. He was released to his grandmother and may face charges in juvenile court.

FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS START TONIGHT

Several high school football teams in the area will participate in the opening round of playoffs tonight. The McMinn County Cherokees will host Bearden. Kickoff is 7 p.m. Meigs County's Tigers open the playoffs at home against Happy Valley tonight. Kickoff is 7 p.m. You can hear the Meigs County game live on WYXI Radio, FM-94.5, starting at 6:30 p.m. Walker Valley will be playing at Knoxville West tonight in the first round of playoffs. The UT VOLS travel to Lexington to play the Kentucky Wildcats on Saturday. Game time is 7:30 p.m. and the game will be televised on the SEC Network.

All Things New Wins Award

All Things New has been named recipient of the November Beautification Award and one of the winners of the Pumpkintown Challenge. Owner Kelly Brackett and her family have transformed this historic home at 202 E. Washington Ave. in Downtown Athens into a beautiful boutique. The Beautification Award is a collaboration between Main Street Athens, Keep McMinn Beautiful, and The Trophy House. The photo shows Kelly Brackett, owner, and her daughter, Megan.

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

 Rev. Max Douglas Redman, age 78, of Decatur, died Thursday at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. He was a U.S. Army Veteran and a retired blacksmith. He was an employee of Bowers Funeral Home Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. on Sunday at Decatur First Baptist Church with visitation from 3 to 7 p.m. at the church prior to the services. Bowers Funeral Home is in charge.
Ruth Evelyn Choate Pierce, age 94, of the Goodsprings Community

• Ruth Evelyn Choate Pierce, age 94, of the Goodsprings Community near Etowah, died on Wednesday. At her request, no visitation will be held. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Goodsprings Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

• Daniel R. Rodgers, Jr., age 53, of Riceville, died Tuesday, at Park West Medical Center in Knoxville. A memorial service will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Companion Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 6:30 p.m. prior to the service.

♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ The Eaves Ferry Boat Ramp in Decatur will be closed beginning Tuesday, Nov. 12, for repairs. The length of the closing is unknown.

✓ The Hiwassee Chapter SAR invites you to attend a program about the First Veterans on Monday, Nov. 11th, at 6:15 p.m. at Mexi-Wing in Downtown Athens. The speaker will be Joe Emert. He is a past president of the East Tennessee Historical Society.

✓ Evaluations for boys and girls 4 years to 6th grade for Basketball and Cheerleading League will be held this Saturday, Nov., 9th, at Niota School. Every player/cheerleader must attend an evaluation to be eligible to participate.

Church News & Events

- Carlock United Methodist, Etowah, is offering free vegetables to anyone in need at their Open Harvest Table every Sunday in November from 9:30 to 10 a.m. inside the church building.

- A new cycle of GriefShare will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 10th, at Mars Hill Presbyterian Church in Athens. GriefShare is facilitated by retired TWU psychology professor Dick Pelley. It is a support group that meets weekly to encourage people following the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend.

- Athens Lutheran Church will have a free Veterans Pancake Breakfast for Veterans and their families on Saturday, November 9th, from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. There will be pancakes, sausage, donuts, coffee, tea, and juice.

- A Veterans Day Service will be held at Allen Memorial UMC on Sunday, November 10th, at 5 p.m. The service will feature remarks by Mike Wyatt, a salute to the troops by John Forgety, and a musical tribute to our veterans.

- East Athens Baptist Church is having a Fall Family Festival Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Market Park Pavilion in Downtown Athens, with free hotdogs and chili, fun, and inflatables.



