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Community News You Can Use

✓ The City of Athens has announced its schedule for the New Year's holiday. The Municipal Building, Public Works Department, Recycle Center, and Animal Shelter will be closed on Wednesday. They will re-open Thursday, January 2nd, during regular business hours. All emergency services will continue to operate on a 24-hour basis. Call 911 in the event of an emergency. Residential garbage collection will be as normal on Monday and Tuesday. The Wednesday, January 1st, garbage routes will be picked up on Thursday. The Thursday and Friday routes will be collected on Friday.

✓ Keep McMinn Beautiful reminds you to recycle your empty, broken-down Christmas boxes by bringing them to the Athens Recycle Center on Rocky Mount Road on Thursday, December 26th, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

✓ Tennessee Wesleyan University is celebrating McMinn County's Bicentennial by presenting 200 students with the Bicentennial Scholarship in the Fall 2020 semester. Students who received the scholarship must be starting at TWU for the first time in the Fall of 2020, have a permanent address in McMinn or Monroe counties, schedule and attend an individual campus visit, and be one of the first 200 visits during the 2019-2020 school year. Incoming freshmen who earn the Bicentennial Scholarship will receive \$2000 distributed over four years. Transfer students enrolling for the Fall semester will receive \$1,000 over two years.

More History by Joe Guy

A bridge is a connection, a crossing, that channels both commerce and history.

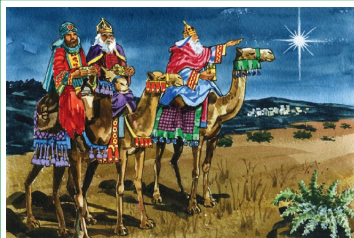
The Hiwassee River railroad bridge was constructed in 1837, as part of the Hiwassee railroad. After a few years of bankruptcy, the railroad was revived as the East Tennessee and Georgia, and the line extended south to Dalton and north toward Lenoir City.

During the Civil War, the bridge was a critical link in the war effort for both sides, its importance noted even by President Lincoln, so much so that it was a victim of the Union bridge burning plot of 1861. It was rebuilt and used throughout the war, the site of numerous engagements.

In September 1863, Confederate cavalry under Gen. Forrest fought their way across the bridge, and it was damaged again in November 1863 as General Longstreet retreated from Chattanooga.

The modern railroad bridge still rests on the original pilings set in 1837, a reminder of the bridges that carried trains, soldiers, citizens, and goods up and down the Tennessee Valley.

(These Minutes of McMinn County History were written by County Historian and Sheriff Joe Guy as part of McMinn County's Bicentennial Celebration. They are broadcast daily on WYXI Radio, AM-1390 and FM 94.5)



*"For God So Loved
The World..."*

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

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paid for by Keith Price



Merry Christmas! & Happy New Year!

We will be closed December 23 - January 1, 2020! REOPEN January 2nd REGULAR HOURS. We hope you and your family have a Merry Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, and that you and your family take a few minutes this Christmas to reflect on Jesus...the real reason for the season. Thank you for your business in 2019. We look forward to serving you in 2020, and are here to serve and help you in any way that we possibly can. We pray that God blesses and prospers you greatly in 2020.

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Obituaries

- ✓ **Lori Ann Swafford Balaban**, age 53, of Athens, died Sunday at U.T. Hospital. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday at Clear Springs Baptist Church with visitation at noon. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- ✓ **James "Jim" McHone**, age 63, of Decatur, died Sunday at Grace Health Care and Rehab in Decatur. Family and friends will assemble at 2 p.m. this Friday, December 27th, at Pisgah Cemetery for a graveside service. There will be no formal visitation. Bowers Funeral Home of Decatur is in charge.
- ✓ **Marjorie Rae Partain Davis**, age 65, of Decatur, died Sunday at Parkwest Medical Center. She was a seamstress. Funeral services will be 12 noon Friday at Marshall Hill Baptist Church, with visitation from 5 to 7 Thursday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.
- ✓ **James W. Miller**, age 89, of Englewood, died Thursday December 19th at Starr Regional of Athens. He served in the Army during the Korean War and was retired from Mayfield Dairy. He also was a bus driver for the Athens City Schools for 20 years. Funeral services will be 7 p.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks closed higher on positive trade signals between the U.S. and China. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 78 points or 0.3% to 28,455. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 16 points or 0.5% to 3,221, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 38 points or 0.4% to 8,925.

Decatur to Get New Bank

A new bank will open its doors in Decatur late in the first quarter of 2020. The bank is SimplyBank. The new Decatur branch will operate out of the former Meigs County Bank building at 120 N. Main Street in downtown Decatur, adjacent to City Hall. Rich Wade (right) will head the new Decatur branch. Wade is a native and lifelong resident of Decatur. His banking career began at Meigs County Bank in 1994, in the exact space where SimplyBank will soon set up shop. Construction and renovations on SimplyBank's new space have already begun. The outside of the new bank is shown below.



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