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Daddy-Daughter Tickets on Sale

The Athens Parks and Recreation Department will host the 35th Annual Daddy-Daughter Dance on Friday, February 7th, and Saturday, February 8th, at the McMinn County High School cafeteria. The four dances will be held Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 1, 4, and 7:30 p.m. There are only 500 tickets available for each dance. Tickets are \$12 per person. You can purchase tickets [ONLINE](#) or in person at the Athens Parks and Recreation office in the Municipal Building.

UPDATE ON OBTAINING HANDGUN CARRY PERMIT

In Wednesday's Morning Fax, we outlined the steps in obtaining the new Tennessee Concealed Handgun Carry permit. There are a couple of things you need to be aware of when you take your drivers license and birth certificate to the Tennessee Drivers License Center. The names on the drivers license and birth certificate must match. In the case of a married woman, the names do not match. In that event, you need to take a valid passport or your official marriage certificate with you. Just make sure the name matches the name on your driver's license. For more information about applying for the new Concealed Handgun Carry permit, go to this website: <https://www.tn.gov/safety/tnhp/handgun/handgunonline.html> You'll find information there about how to apply for the permit, a list of the vendors (now 14) who offer the online video course and exam, and links to their websites, eligibility requirements, fees, and more.

Community News You Can Use

✓ The United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties will conduct its annual Agency Workshop on January 30th at 9 a.m. at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology located at 1635 Vo Tech Drive in Athens. Any 501 (c) 3 non-profit agency interested in applying for funding from the 2020 campaign and becoming a United Way Partner Agency must attend. In order to be eligible for funding, the agency must meet certain criteria, including:

- Must be an incorporated non-profit organization under the laws of the state of Tennessee and have tax-exempt status under section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Service code.
- Must have been in operation as a 501 (c) 3 for at least two years.
- Must have an active Board of Directors, with regular meetings and oversight.
- Must have bylaws that state the purpose of the organization.
- The Board of Directors must be responsible for ensuring that sufficient funds are available for the organization to meet its objectives.
- The organization must maintain current registration as a Charitable Organization with the Tennessee Secretary of State or have a current registration exemption.
- Must provide services in McMinn & Meigs Counties without discrimination in regards to race, religion, sex, age, or disability.

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Obituaries

Right to Work Amendment

♦ **Peggy Lucille Miller**, age 74, of Etowah, died Monday. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Cochran Cemetery in Englewood, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home.

♦ **Melisa "Gail" Head Higdon**, age 59, of Athens, died Tuesday at Starr Regional Medical Center. She was a 30 year member of the Chattanooga Kennel Club. Funeral services will be 7 p.m. Friday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

♦ **Michael James Standridge, Jr.**, age 42, of Athens, died Tuesday at St. Thomas West in Nashville. He was a former employee of Johns Manville. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Sunday at Walnut Grove Cemetery, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

♦ **Charles "Buddy" Johnson Liner**, age 89, of Athens, died Tuesday at his residence. A funeral service will be at 6 p.m. on Monday, January 13th at Keith Memorial United Methodist Church with visitation from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at the church prior to the service. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge.

♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Women at the Well is in need of about 30 "Experiencing God" workbooks for their students. If you would be willing to donate or help purchase the books, please call 745-0010.

✓ Lara Crockett, director of the Etowah Carnegie Library, recently graduated from the Tennessee Public Library Management Program and received her Public Library Management Certification. To earn certification, librarians must complete three years of course work, 90 hours of continuing education, and complete a final project.

Tennessee House and Senate leaders have introduced a resolution that would add Tennessee's Right to Work law to the state constitution. The measure is sponsored by several committee leaders, including Sen. Mike Bell of Riceville, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Tennessee's Right to Work statute has been state law since 1947. It provides that workers cannot be hired or fired based on their membership in, affiliation with, resignation from, or refusal to join or affiliate with any labor union or employee organizations. When introduced in 1947, supporters of the bill argued that it would "be of great advantage to the average member of organized labor." It also protects the rights of those who choose not to join a union.

Senator Bell says, "There is no better place than our State Constitution to ensure that Tennessee remains a right to work state." The resolution is supported by the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce which says "Embedding Right to Work permanently in our constitution sends a strong message that Tennessee is and always will be ready for business". If passed by the General Assembly in 2020, the resolution would need to pass by a two-thirds majority in the 2021 or 2022 legislative session in order to appear on the ballot for a statewide referendum in November 2022.

The amendment would become part of the state constitution if adopted by a majority vote in the governor's election.

TODAY IN HISTORY - JANUARY 9th

1788 - Connecticut became the 5th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

1793 - Jean-Pierre Blanchard made the first successful balloon flight in the United States. Blanchard's balloon, filled with hydrogen, took off from Philadelphia, PA, soared to 5,800 feet and eventually wound up some 15 miles away, in Woodbury, New Jersey.

1861 - Mississippi seceded from the Union.

1913 - Richard Nixon, the 37th President, was born. He was a Congressman and Senator from California, served as Vice-President under President Eisenhower, and was elected President in 1968 and re-elected in 1972. He resigned in 1974 while facing almost certain impeachment for his involvement in the Watergate scandal.

1951 - Singer Crystal Gayle was born. Her biggest hits include "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue" and "I'll Get Over You." She is Loretta Lynn's younger sister.

1968 - The Surveyor 7 space probe made a soft landing on the moon. It was the last of America's unmanned explorations of the lunar surface.

2006 - "The Phantom of the Opera" became the longest-running Broadway show with 7,485 performances

2007 - Apple CEO Steve Jobs unveiled the iPhone.

2009 - The Illinois House voted to impeach Gov. Rod Blagojevich. (The Democratic governor was removed from office by the state Senate later in the month.)

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