Bell Ranked #1 by Conservative Union

The American Conservative Union Foundation has given Senator Mike Bell of Riceville its highest score. Senator Bell was rated 95 percent, earning him the group’s Award for Conservative Excellence. He shared the top ranking with State Senator Jon Lundberg of Bristol. Sen. Bell said, “I was sent to the Legislature with the mandate to work hard for the people of the 9th district.” He said the principles of individual liberty and limited government that our nation was founded upon will continue to guide his actions in the General Assembly.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens City School Board will interview Robert Greene for the Director of Schools position this coming Monday, January 27th, at 5 p.m. in the Administration Building.
✓ The City of Etowah Fire Department will be hosting a training session for their annual in-service today through Sunday in the parking lot behind the Etowah Library next to the old fire department location. There will be numerous fire trucks and firefighters from Etowah and surrounding departments involved in the training session.

Meet Public Speaking Winners

Congratulations to the 2020 Public Speaking winners in the McMinn County Schools.

4th Grade: 1st-Marley Hicks 2nd-Allie Adkins 3rd-Daisy Bovard
5th Grade: 1st-Bryant Wilson 2nd-Luke Carroll 3rd-Te’Ojah Lowary
6th Grade: 1st-Anna Natter 2nd-Macy Knox 3rd-Jake Goodin
7th Grade: 1st-Katie Culpepper 2nd-Alasia McDermott 3rd-Rylee Morgan
8th Grade: 1st-Gracie Eisenhart 2nd-Alyssa Chisenhall 3rd-Emerson Fox
9th Grade: 1st-Harrison Kraus
10th Grade: 1st-Kendra Cornelius 2nd-Alice Grace Beavers

(The winners are shown below in no specific order)
Obituaries

Daisy L. Moses Stephens, age 82, of Athens, died Thursday at Life Care Center of Athens. She was a former employee of Eureka Garment Company. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Boyd Memorial Church of God, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

THURSDAY’S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks finished the day mixed. Technology and communications were the best performing sectors. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 26 points or 0.1% to 29,160. The Standard & Poor’s 500 Index was up 4 points or 0.1% to 3,326, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 19 points or 0.2% to 9,402.

GOVERNOR INTRODUCES PRO-LIFE BILL
Governor Lee says he will submit comprehensive pro-life legislation to the Tennessee General Assembly this year, including the prohibition of an abortion where a fetal heartbeat exists. The legislation would make Tennessee one of the most pro-life states in the nation. The legislation would also require a mother to undergo an ultrasound prior to an abortion. Further, it would prohibit an abortion where the physician is aware that the decision to seek an abortion is motivated by the race, sex, or health or disability diagnosis of the unborn child.

Church News & Events

A “5 Love Language” workshop will be held on Sunday, February 16th, from 5 to 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Athens. You are invited to come with your loved one, whether married or single. Dr. Gary Chapman’s 5 Love Languages can be applied to any relationship. It’s a way to “show” love to another. The cost is $10, which includes dinner and the workshop. The program is open to anyone. It will be taught by Sarah Kite with the UT Extension Office and by First Baptist Pastor Bill Henard. The program is based on Gary Chapman’s book and includes research from The Gottman Institute. RSVP to 745-2852 by February 9th.

One in ten women of marital age is widowed. Ten percent of any church is made up of widows and widowers. What is being done to minister to these folks and to help them learn that life is not over when their spouses die? On January 25th, Dean Miller (a widower) will be conducting a Widowhood Workshop at Athens Church of Christ. The workshop starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 12:30 p.m. The public is invited. No collections will be taken. For more information about the workshop, call the church at 745-0554.

Celebrate Recovery meets each Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Englewood Church of God. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Star Pickett at 506-4851.