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Athens, Tennessee

Reception Held For Fesmire


✓ A retirement reception was held at the Athens Municipal Building yesterday afternoon for Austin Fesmire, Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Athens since 1987. Fesmire announced his retirement several weeks ago to be effective December 31st. He will continue to be President of the Athens Parks Foundation and will be a volunteer for the annual Soap Box Derby. During his tenure, Fesmire was responsible for establishing the Athens Regional Park, which draws thousands of visitors to the City of Athens every year. (Photo by Mark Leffler)



Community News You Can Use

✓ Steve Thomas with Unconditional Love Ministry is looking for people to cook or bring meals for different days and also for volunteers to stay different hours at the Warming Center. Visit their Facebook page [HERE](#) for more information or call Steve Thomas at 865-335-1870.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Investor sentiment brightened on Wednesday and equity markets rallied due to upbeat corporate commentary and an improvement in consumer confidence. Government bond yields were little changed. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 526.74 to 33,376.48. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 56.82 to 3,878.44, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 162.26 to 10,709.37.



Merry Christmas
The Morning Fax will not publish tomorrow and Monday. Merry Christmas to everyone. We will see you on Tuesday. **(See Page 3)**

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JOB POSTING: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

 Coordinated Charities, a local 501 c(3) organization that serves the poor and needy in McMinn County, is seeking an individual to serve as Executive Director. Responsibilities include management of the Thrift Store and the Assistance Center. The position is Full Time, Monday through Friday. Compensation will be based on experience. Vacation and sick leave included. Questions and resumés can be sent to amgentry10@att.net Training will be provided as needed.

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Christmas Eve
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Merry Christmas! & Happy New Year

We will be closed December 21, 2022 - January 2, 2023! REOPEN January 3, 2023 REGULAR HOURS. We hope you and your family have a Merry Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. The year 2022 has brought about chaos and challenging times for many of us. May we take time to reflect on Jesus the real reason for the season! He is our true help and comforter in times like these. Thank you to ALL of our customers for your business in 2022. It is greatly appreciated! We look forward to serving you in 2023! We are here to serve and help you in any way that we can with your home or business exterior needs. Our prayer for each person is that God blesses and prospers you greatly in 2023!

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Obituaries

✓ **Velma Riggs Eaton**, age 84, of Englewood, passed away Tuesday, December 20th at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. She was a lifelong resident of McMinn County. She was one of the oldest members of Manilla Chapel Baptist Church, where she was a secretary and treasurer for over 50 years. She was the Director of the McMinn and Meigs Baptist Crisis Center and also a sub for Englewood and McMinn Central cafeterias and was a woman of great faith. A funeral service will be at 1p.m. Friday, December 23rd at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, December 22nd at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Fain Family Cemetery.

✓ **Bonnie Lou Wilson Bright**, age 88, of Riceville passed away Tuesday, December 20th at her residence. She was a native and lifelong resident of McMinn County. There will be no formal visitation or funeral service. There will be a private burial service. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

Church News and Events

- East Athens Baptist Church will have a Christmas Eve service at 4pm this Saturday. Christmas day service is at 10am.
- Athens Lutheran Church, located at 710 Forrest Avenue will have a Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 7 p.m. and one service Christmas morning at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome.
- Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, Mars Hill Presbyterian Church of Athens now offers a Griefshare program each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. For more information call 423-829-5052.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE

Weekly Summary: 12/11/22 - 12/17/22

There were 1,512 cases (per day) and 11 deaths (per day) last week

Tennessee: 2,419,118 Total Cases 28,545 Total Deaths

| COUNTY | CASES | DEATHS |
|---------|--------|--------|
| McMinn | 19,360 | 281 |
| Meigs | 4,051 | 62 |
| Monroe | 17,562 | 269 |
| Polk | 5,506 | 89 |
| Bradley | 37,957 | 446 |
| Rhea | 11,473 | 166 |

Covid-19 update information from the Tennessee Department of Health is updated on Saturday and posted to their website each Wednesday.

ALL-NIGHT
Christmas
Music
6 PM - 6 AM
WYXI RADIO
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ATHENS

WEATHER FORECAST
Thursday - Cloudy, possible shower, breezy & colder. Strong winds & hazardous weather. High 49.
Thurs. Night - Cloudy and frigid. Unprotected pipes may freeze. Low 5.
Friday - Some morning snow. Cloudy, breezy & colder. High 14.
Friday Night - Cloudy & frigid. Low 7.
Saturday - Brisk & quite cold. Cloudy & sunny. High 22.
Weather at: wyxi.com

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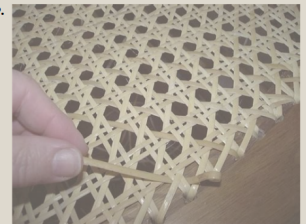
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The Full Account of the Birth of Jesus can be found in Matthew 1 & 2 and Luke 2 in the Holy Bible

And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2:7



And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2: 10 & 11

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luke 2: 13 & 14

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS
from
theMorning Fax Staff