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Athens, Tennessee

LOCAL & AREA NEWS

◆ BOB FOSTER IS ATHENS MAN OF THE YEAR!

The Athens Man of the Year is Bob Foster. Foster, in the photo on the right, has served as Chairman and President of Heil Trailer International. Other award winners announced at last night's Athens Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting are listed on Page 2.



◆ AUDIT BLASTS MEIGS CO.

An audit by the state Comptroller's Office shows Meigs County continues to have major issues with its management and bookkeeping practices. The audit found 20 issues that need to be dealt with. Thirteen of the 20 findings were in the finance director's office. They included issues with the way the office handles payroll, purchasing, budgeting, and administration of state and federal grants. Sixteen of the issues had been noted in previous audits, but corrective action had not been taken. State Comptroller Justin Wilson says 20 findings is an unacceptably high number for any audit. He says failure to follow sound management, budgeting and accounting practices creates a climate where fraud, waste, or abuse of public money is more likely to occur.

NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS

◆ A court in Florence, Italy on Thursday sentenced Amanda Knox to 28 years and six months in prison for killing Meredith Kercher. Her lawyers now plan to appeal. The United States will have little legal argument for turning down an extradition request should Italy seek the return of Amanda Knox for the murder of her British housemate.

◆ A group of up to 40 students at Uintah Elementary in Salt Lake City had their lunches taken away and then thrown in the trash due to outstanding balances on their accounts. The school later issued an apology claiming this was a mistake.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ **Friday School Closings:** McMinn Co., Meigs Co. Athens City, Etowah City, & Christ Legacy Academy. www.wxyi.com
- ✓ The Heritage School First Saturday Town Hall will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow at the McMinn Living Heritage Museum. Tomorrow's Town Hall meeting will be a Veterans Expo. The McMinn Co. Amateur Radio Club will have a special display.
- ✓ The Rev. Hugh Dixon and members of the Cox Chapel AME Zion Church will lead the worship service at Cooke Ministry Center this Sunday at 4 p.m.

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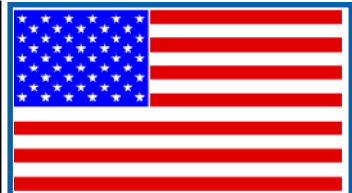
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• McMinn Co. T.E.A. Party Calendar

- Feb. 3** Danny Page, Candidate for U.S. Senate
- Feb. 10** General Meeting/Open
- Feb. 17** Susie Lee, Cand. for Property Assessor's Office
- Feb. 24** Don Charest, Self Defense Solutions
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Two Hurt In Polk Co. Crash

Two people were injured Wednesday in a traffic crash at the intersection of U.S. 411 and Highway 30 in Polk County. Police say a Jeep Liberty was coming out of Highway 30 onto Highway 411 when it collided with a tractor trailer going north on 411. The two occupants of the Jeep had to be extricated. They were transported to Starr Regional Medical Center, Athens. The Etowah Rescue Squad and Rural Fire Department assisted Polk County emergency works.

(Photo submitted by Jay Thomson)



Obituaries

Dennis Rhea Clark, age 76, of Athens died Wednesday at Parkwest Hospital. He had served in the U.S. Air Force and had been associated with ABC Auto Parts for over 30 years and Carquest Auto Parts until his retirement. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Pope Avenue Baptist Church, with visitation from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the church. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.

Avery Eugene Stephens, age 78, of Athens, died Wednesday at his home. He was a well known retired carpenter. Funeral services will be Saturday at 7 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home; visitation 5-7 p.m.

Betty Jane Goins Cantrell, age 81, of the Tranquility Community near Athens, died Wednesday at her home. Funeral services will be at 12 noon Saturday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. at Ziegler.

Herman B. Fox, Sr., age 80, of Etowah, died Thursday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. with visitation from 5-8 p.m. on Friday at Bordwine Funeral Home.

MORE ATHENS CHAMBER AWARD WINNERS:

- Mother of the Year - Pam Thigpen
- Young Man of the Year - Blake McCaslin
- Teacher of the Year - Janice Anderson
- Business Woman of the Year - Sandra Boyd
- Farmer of the Year - Blaine Arwood
- Diplomat of the Year - Connie Woodcock
- Chairman's Award - Ann Davis

WEATHER

Friday - Sunny. Highs in the upper 40's to lower 50's.

Friday night - Partly cloudy. Not as cold. Lows-lower 30's.

Saturday - Partly sunny. 20% rain in PM. Highs-mid 50's
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