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Thursday, September 24, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

### State & Local News

#### ◆ DECATUR MAN DROWNS AT WATTS BAR

A Decatur man, 57-year-old Jack Stacy, drowned Monday evening while swimming in Watts Bar Lake. William Paisley says he and Stacy were swimming at Sand Island when their boat started drifting away. Paisley says while he was securing the boat, Stacy got into the current, panicked, and went under. Paisley managed to get him to shore and start CPR, but was not able to revive him. Stacy worked at Joe's Italian Cuisine.

**CORRECTION:** In some editions of Wednesday's Morning Fax, we reported that H.T. Hackney is closing its distribution center in Athens. That is incorrect. However, they are closing Hackney Home Furnishings (formerly Pioneer Warehouse). That closing will impact 47 employees. Their grocery distribution center in Athens is not closing. Our apologies for the incorrect information.

#### ◆ "RAILS TO TRAILS" GETS NEW NAME

The six-mile hiking and biking trail from Athens to Englewood now has an official name. The Rails to Trails will now be called Eureka Trail. The name was chosen by a special committee. The name change has been approved by the Athens City Council, the McMinn County Commission, and the Englewood City Commission.

### NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Volkswagen's CEO, Martin Winterkorn, resigned days after admitting the world's top selling carmaker installed emissions-cheating sensors in millions of its cars worldwide.

◆ The president of China is visiting the US with a request to buy 300 Boeing jets and to build a plant for the company in his nation.

◆ U.S. stocks were lower Wednesday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 50.58 at 16,279.89. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 3.98 at 1,938.76, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 3.98 at 4,752.74.

#### RABIES BAIT TO BE DROPPED

The Tennessee Department of Health and the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture will be dropping packets (shown below) containing oral rabies vaccine for wild raccoons in McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, Polk, and Bradley counties next week. The packets are safe, but if you find any on your property you should wear gloves and pick them up and toss them into a wooded area. Keep them away from your pets and children.



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**RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT**  
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**WEATHER**  
**Thursday** - Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower to mid 80's.  
**Thu night** - Mostly cloudy. 60% rain. Lows in the lower 60's.  
**Friday** - Mostly cloudy with showers likely. Highs in the lower 70's.  
 More Weather & Zoom Radar at: [www.wyxi.com](http://www.wyxi.com)

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### See You At the Pole

The annual See You at the Pole event took place Wednesday morning in front of the Athens City Middle School. Students met at the flag pole for a brief time of prayer.

(Photo submitted by Ron Starr)



**CLARIFICATION:** In yesterday's MORNING FAX we published photos of toppled gravestones in Cedar Grove Cemetery. According to the City of Athens, two of the gravestones fell due to natural deterioration and the third stone was knocked-down by storm damage. Vandalism was apparently not a factor.

### Obituaries

- **Lana Duckett Boyd**, age 60, of Niota, died Tuesday at Sweetwater Hospital. She had worked at the Sugar Shack Restaurant in Niota. Funeral services will be Friday at 7 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at Ziegler. A fellowship in her honor will be held at the Sugar Shack Restaurant in Niota at 3 p.m. Thursday
- **Victoria Santagata**, age 77, of Etowah died Tuesday at Etowah Health Care Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.
- **Fred Lee Yoder, Sr.**, age 87, of Etowah, died Tuesday at his home. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a farmer. Funeral services will be Friday at 8 p.m. at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation 6 to 8 p.m.

#### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ City of Athens property tax notices have been mailed. If you do not receive your notice by October 9th, you should call the City Finance Department at 744-2710.
- ✓ The Athens Parks Department will host the 1st Annual Pre-School Olympics on Sunday, October 18th, at 1:30 p.m. at the Athens Regional Park Soccer Complex. Children ages 3 to 5 will be able to compete in such events as the tennis ball throw, 25-yard dash, long jump, and the mini-mile (80 yards) run. The cost is \$10 per child. You must pre-register by October 9th. Call 744-2704.
- ✓ The Meigs County FFA will have a Pig Roast tomorrow, Friday, at the Meigs County Softball Field starting at 4 p.m. The cost is \$12 for a rib plate or \$8 for a pulled-pork plate.



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