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Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ STRIKER MURDER TO BE REVIEWED

One of the first cases to be reviewed by the new cold case task force in McMinn, Polk, Monroe, and Bradley counties will be the April 2000 murder of Patty Striker in McMinn County. District Attorney Steve Crump has formed the cold case task force to review nearly 60 unsolved homicides in the four counties. Crump says he is hopeful that taking a fresh look at the cases will lead to new evidence and testimony that might lead to arrests. Mrs. Striker was shot in the head at Striker's Winery near Athens on April 1st, 2000. The murder weapon, the winery's cash register, and the killer have never been found. Crump says officers from a dozen law enforcement agencies will review the unsolved murder cases, along with missing person cases.

◆ OPTIMISTS HELP TORNADO VICTIMS

Optimist clubs throughout East Tennessee and Georgia have donated to help tornado victims in McMinn County. The photo shows Optimist Governor Rudy Corn and Athens Optimist Diane Frank inspecting donated items.

(Photo by Richard Newman)



National & World News

◆ Following the resignation of White House National Security Adviser Michael Flynn, top Republicans on the House Oversight and Judiciary Committees have asked the Department of Justice inspector general to investigate potential leaks involving classified information at the department

◆ President Donald Trump has nominated Alexander Acosta to be his labor secretary. Acosta is the first Hispanic to be selected for Trump's Cabinet.

◆ UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN TOPS GOAL

The 2016 United Way campaign for McMinn and Meigs County finished over the top. The goal was \$675,000. The total actually raised was \$676,012. In addition to that, \$101,000 was contributed for tornado relief. Greg Moses and Shane Sewell were the campaign co-chairs. The annual Dick Dyer Community Service Award was presented to Mary Brown for her volunteer work in heading up the Tornado Disaster Relief Center. In the photo: (L-R) Mary Brown is accepting the award from United Way Executive Director Stephanie Linkous.



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Church News and Events

- ✓ Free children and adult coats will be distributed this afternoon (Friday) from 1 to 3 p.m. at Cox Chapel Church on Knight Road off South White Street in Athens.
- ✓ Glorybound Church on Isbill Road in Madisonville will have The Carters singing in the evening service this Sunday, February 19th, at 6 p.m.
- ✓ The annual Burke's Gospel Jubilee radio program will have its Annual Singing this Sunday at 3 p.m. at Greater Deliverance Ministries on Clearwater Road in Athens. Seven groups of musicians have been scheduled to take part. The public is invited to attend. The Gospel Jubilee radio show is broadcast each Sunday morning from 9 to 10 on WYXI Radio, AM-1390 and FM 94.5.
- ✓ Keith Memorial United Methodist Church will hold its Winter Blood Drive on Wednesday, March 1st, from noon to 7 p.m. The blood drive will be held inside the church. All blood types are needed. Donors receive a free Medic T-shirt and a free cholesterol evaluation. For more information, call the church at 745-2616.

Obituaries

- ♦ **Lydia Gertrude Smith Kilpatrick**, age 93, of Athens, died Wednesday at Parkwest Medical Center. She was a former employee of Cooke Paper Box Company and was a cook at Ingleside Elementary School. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday.
 - ♦ **Carrie Frances Brown**, age 80, of Athens, died Sunday at her residence. She was retired from Davidson Textron and Athens Dry Cleaners. Funeral services will be held on Sunday, February 19th, at 3 p.m. at M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens, with visitation from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday.
 - ♦ **Kenneth P.A. Davis**, age 84, died February 9th. He and his wife had owned Legends Café. A memorial service will be held at Walnut Grove Baptist Church at a date to be announced later.
 - ♦ **Pauline Wattenbarger Land**, age 84, of Titusville, Florida, died Tuesday. She worked as a nurse for more than 40 years at Foree Hospital, Epperson Hospital, and later at Woods Memorial Hospital where she became their first Director of Nursing. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m.
 - ♦ **Thomas Lee Winton**, age 80, of Athens died last Saturday. He was retired from Athens Stove Works. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at M.D. Dotson & Sons in Athens, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m.
- NOTE: Monday is President's Day. Banks and the Post Office will be closed. The McMinn County and Athens City Schools will be closed. Monday is also an official Tennessee state holiday.**

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