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Athens, Tennessee

# Local & Area News

#### **♦ TWO HOMICIDES IN POLK COUNTY**

The TBI has confirmed the identities of two men whose bodies were discovered by a family member in a home in Old Fort. Larry Jeffries, age 52, of Old Fort and Jeremy Walker, age 27, were reported dead last Thursday. Polk County Sheriff Steve Ross and District Attorney General Steve Crump asked the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation to help work the crime scene and agents began searching for a vehicle that was believed to contain crucial evidence in the case. A Bradley County Deputy located the vehicle on Saturday. The 2016 Toyota RAV4 was found at Love's Truck Stop, which is located on the Lower River Road at the Charleston exit of Interstate 75. The investigation is continuing.

#### **◆ AUB SAYS "NO PROBLEM" WITH WATER**

Local social media went into "lit up" over the weekend with customers of AUB posting photos of what appeared to be cloudy tap water. AUB spokesman Wayne Scarbrough says that the water

looks cloudy because of entrained air, which causes thousands of tiny bubbles to appear. Scarbrough says the water is perfectly okay to drink or use in any way. The situation was caused when a valve on a 16 inch water line coming from the Hiwassee Utilities Commission was replaced last Thursday.



# National & World News

- ◆ Juan Thompson, the man accused of making at least eight threats against Jewish community centers, Jewish schools, a Jewish museum and the Anti-Defamation League was arrested by the FBI in St. Louis, Missouri, on Friday.
- ◆ The White House is considering deep cuts to programs and staffing at the Environmental Protection Agency as part of its first federal budget process.
- ◆ North Korea has launched several unidentified projectiles into the East Sea. The objects were fired from the Tongchang-ri region, where there is a rocket launching site.

#### ◆ UNATTENDED BRUSH FIRE GOES AWRY

Units from the Etowah and Englewood Rural Fire Departments responded to a brush fire that got out of control after it was left unattended a little after 6 p.m. on Friday. It was located at

County Roads 875 and 882 in Etowah. Responding to the scene were the Etowah and Englewood Rural Fire Departments. Photo by Lynn Ingram with Englewood Rural Fire Department.





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# **Recalling the Rosenwald Schools**

The E.G. Fisher Public Library wrapped up its observance of Black History Month last Tuesday with a presentation by Mary Alton (Curator of the McMinn Living Heritage Museum) and Harriel Blair (retired school teacher) shown left to right below. The presentation dealt with the Rosenwald Schools built by Julius Rosenwald, president of Sears, Roebuck & Company, in the early 20th Century across the south for black children. Several Rosenwald schools were built in McMinn County, but none are still standing.



## **Obituaries**

- Billy A. Martin, age 76, of Athens, died Saturday at NHC Healthcare. He had worked at Athens Stove Foundry for 40 years. A Celebration of his Life will be Monday at 6 p.m. at Central Baptist Church with visitation from 4 to 6 p.m. at the church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- James McGuire, Jr., age 76, of Riceville, died Feb. 28th at Hospice of Chattanooga Care Center. He was the owner and operator of Parks Disposal. A memorial service will be held by the family at a later date. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.
- Jack C. Carver, age 80, of Athens, died last Thursday at NHC of Athens. He was associated with the Daily Post Athenian for 31 years and later worked at Plastic Industries for 11 years. He served in the U.S. Air Force. Funeral services were held this past Saturday. Smith Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.
- Willie Mae Rowland of Etowah, died Friday at Erlanger Medical Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.
- Rev. John Wesley "J.W." Irons, age 72, of Athens, died Friday at Sweetwater Hospital. He was owner and operator of J.W. Irons Plumbing, Electric, Heating and Air. He was former pastor of Eastview and Bethel Springs Baptist Churches. Funeral services were held Sunday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. Interment will be Monday at 11 a.m. in McMinn Memory Gardens.
- Catherine Hanks Underdown, age 88, of Athens, died Saturday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. Arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.

Sweetwater Hospital Association and its Board of Directors are proud to announce the appointment of three new Board Certified physicians as members of their Medical Staff



**Dr. Vernon Pegram II**Board Certified
Obstetrician and
Gynecologist

Dr. Pegram completed his undergraduate work at the University of the South in East Tennessee, then moved to the University of Alabama where he obtained his medical degree in June of 1993. Dr. Pegram completed his residency at Greenville Hospital Systems in South Carolina and returned to the North Alabama area to practice medicine for the next 18 years.



**Dr. Sean DeLair**Board Certified
Urologist

Dr. DeLair earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond in 2001, where he also completed an internship and residency. He completed an additional residency at the University of California Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, CA. Dr. DeLair enjoys spending time on the water with his family and friends.



Dr. Walt C. Chiles III Board Certified Urologist

Dr. Walt C. Chiles III, earned his medical degree from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Memphis, TN in 1999. He served his general surgical residency and received his post graduate training at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and was Chief Resident in the Department of Urology from 2004 - 2005 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dr. DeLair and Dr. Chiles will transition Dr. Klein's patients to their practice, as he is retiring. All physicians are accepting new patients in their new offices located in the Sweetwater Hospital Association Professional Office Building, 304 Wright Street, Sweetwater, TN 37874.

Sweetwater Hospital Association is fortunate these physicians have chosen to serve the men and women of our community.

To make an appointment, please call: Dr. Pegram (865)-213-8592, Dr. DeLair (865)-938-5222, & Dr. Chiles (865)-690-3811



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