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Friday, May 17, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

## Local & Area News

### ◆ MEIGS COUNTY BODY IDENTIFIED

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation has identified the man whose body was discovered by a school bus driver early Wednesday morning in Meigs County. He was 60-year-old Roger Dale Miller of Decatur.

### ◆ HOUSE FIRE ON SLACK ROAD

The Athens Fire Department extinguished a fire at a house at 104 Slack Road around 5 p.m. Thursday. No one was at home at the time of the fire. About 30% of the house was destroyed by the fire and the rest of the dwelling received substantial smoke and water damage. There were no injuries.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The City of Etowah will be honoring the Etowah firefighters and police officers with a special ceremony from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. today at the L&N Depot. The public is invited to attend. There will be free popcorn and cotton candy.

✓ The McMinn FCE Family and Community Education Council will host a Bicentennial Tea Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at Mars Hill Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$15. Call 368-2962 to reserve tickets.

✓ Representatives of the Tennessee Department of Agriculture will visit Olde Farmhouse Creamery in Riceville on Monday, May 20th, to present them with a sign recognizing their distinction as an Agricultural Enterprise Fund recipient. The AEF is an incentive program that provides assistance to new and expanding Tennessee agriculture, forestry, and food businesses.

## Ribbon Cutting at Walmart

A ribbon cutting was held recently for the Grand Re-Opening of Athens Chamber of Commerce member, Walmart. Those joining the celebration are left to right: Kim York (Chamber Diplomat), Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Shayne Whaley (Chamber Chairman), Scott Owens (Walmart Store Manager), Jeff Eversole (Walmart Regional Manager), Bo Perkinson (Athens City Council), C. Seth Sumner (Athens City Manager), Karen Raby (Diplomat) (Photo from Julie Simbeck)



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## Obituaries

- ♦ **Jimmy Dale Varnell**, age 64, of Charleston, died Wednesday at Erlanger Medical Center. He enjoyed collecting tools and DVDs. Friends are invited to join the family for graveside services at 2 p.m Sunday at Council Baptist Church Cemetery.
- ♦ **Zane Lee Albritton**, age 82, of Calhoun, died Tuesday at UT Medical Center. He was a 64-year member of Carpenters Local #74. He loved antique tractors and restored and showed them. A Celebration of Life and Homegoing will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. at Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah, with visitation from 1 to 3 p.m.
- ♦ **Patty Ann Letner**, age 51, of Ten Mile, died last Friday at U.T. Medical Center in Knoxville. A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 23rd at Bowers Funeral Home with visitation from 6 to 7 p.m. prior to the service.

### STATE HEADLINES

- ✓ Tuition at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville may go up next school year. The Campus Advisory Board has recommended a 2% tuition increase for in-state students, which would bring undergraduate tuition up to \$13,264.
- ✓ A 2.5 magnitude earthquake was reported early Thursday morning 1.6 miles ENE of Philadelphia, Tennessee.
- ✓ House Republicans have scheduled a closed door meeting for Monday to discuss the future of Tennessee's embattled House Speaker. Speaker Glen Casada is coming under criticism over a series of text messages with his former chief of staff involving racist and sexually explicit messages.

## Church News & Events

- Union McMinn Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School June 2nd-7th from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Supper is served each night. The church is at I-75, Exit 56. Call 568-2395 for more information.
- Old Sweetwater Baptist Church will be having a yard sale today and tomorrow starting at 8 a.m.
- The Trinity Warriors Christian motorcycle riders will have a Bike Blessing Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon beside Zaxby's in Athens.
- The Russell Family will be singing at 6 p.m. Sunday at Glory-bound Church on Isbill Road in Madisonville.
- New Fellowship Baptist Church in Charleston will observe homecoming this Sunday. Crimson River Trio will be singing. The service starts at 10:30 a.m.
- Lane's Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church will have Pastor Appreciation Day this Sunday. The morning speaker will be local minister, Veronica Clark.
- Mars Hill Church is offering Griefshare on Sundays at 2 p.m. For information, call Dick Pelley at 829-5052.
- Lakeside Baptist Church at 2418 State Highway 304 in Ten Mile has a food ministry each Monday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the church gym. They give away milk products, fruit, bread, canned goods, cereals, etc, as long as the supplies last.

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