

# Morning Fax®

Today's News...This Morning

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Athens, Tennessee

## Dangerous Murder Suspect is Wanted by Monroe Co.



The U.S. Marshals Service has joined the nationwide hunt for Nicholas Wayne Hamlett, the man wanted in a Monroe County murder investigation. There's also a reward being offered for anyone with information about the suspect. The situation is unusual, officials say. Hamlett is accused of not only killing a yet-unidentified victim, but also calling 911 after the fact, using a stolen identity, and claiming to be a hiker on the run from a bear. Multiple law enforcement agencies have been on the hunt for Hamlett since Oct. 18. In a recent news conference, David Jolley with the Marshals Office, announced a \$5,000 reward for anyone with information that leads to Hamlett's arrest.

Hamlett has a lengthy criminal history, and investigators say that he's also wanted out of Alabama for a violation of probation. That probation itself is reportedly a result of violent charges. It's that fact that prompted Monroe County Sheriff Tommy Jones to give a warning about the man. "There is a great risk to the public. The offender has a history. This is not an isolated incident," Jones said. "There is a family suffering and there is a wanted, violent person walking our streets." The news conference served as a warning to those in the area to stay alert and a plea for anyone with information to come forward. Jones confirmed that the Monroe County victim's cause of death was blunt force trauma to several parts of their body, including the head. He also said that the victim and Hamlett knew each other.

Source: WVLT.TV



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Ballots cast: 1,164 Overall: 16,156

City Elections: Athens 3,950 Calhoun 96 Niota 228

#### WEATHER FORECAST

Friday - 50% Chance of Showers. High 72.

Fri. Night - Mostly Cloudy. Low 58. Sat. - Partly Sunny. High 77. Low

Sun. - Partly Sunny. High 76. Low

More Weather at: wyxi.com

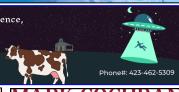




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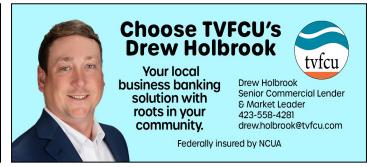












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## **Obituaries**

Frances Jay Brown "Fran" Dorward, 92 of Etowah, formerly of Mooresville, NC passed away Wednesday, October 30. Fran graduated from Women's College in Greensboro, NC. She attained a Masters of Education Degree from the University of Tennessee. She taught school in North Carolina and Tennessee, concluding her teaching career at McMinn County High School. In later years, she was active in many organizations including United Methodist Women, Meals on Wheels, and CONTACT suicide hotline. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

## **Community News You Can Use**

- The next NEST Meeting is scheduled for November 6, from 8:30 am 9:30 am at The LITE House (1 W. College St., Athens) The guest speaker is Dr. Lynnette Smith, who will share insights on effective human resource management for small businesses. With 26 years of experience in HR, Dr. Smith will cover essential practices and answer any questions you may have. You will not want to miss this valuable session!
- The VFW is having their Annual Turkey Shoot every Saturday from 8am-12 Noon and each Saturday through November 23 at VFW Post #5146 at 706 North Congress Parkway in Athens. They are raising funds for their Christmas baskets to be distributed to Veterans & spouses. For more information, call 423-745-8387.
- The McMinn County Amateur Radio Club is hosting their Annual Chili Dinner TOMORROW, Saturday, November 2 from 11:00 am 4:00 pm. There will be various types of chili, desserts, and drinks. Members of the police eat for free. The cost for persons aged 13 and older is \$12, Seniors 65+\$10, and Kids 12 and under \$5. The event will be at Southern Events (300 W. Madison Ave, Athens). The proceeds will go to help maintain the radio towers that amateur operators use to communicate in times of natural disasters and emergencies. For more info, visit their Facebook page HERE.





# VOTE DEMOCRATIC NOVEMBER 5

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## **Church News & Events**

- Celebrate Recovery meets every Thursday at 6:00 Marshall Hill Baptist Church, 621 Co. Road 255, P.M. at Watts Bar Community Church (1517 TN-68, Decatur).
- Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach • First United Presbyterian Church will now hold Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- Sweetwater House of Prayer is hosting a Community Blessing Closet on the third Saturday of every month from 8 am –4 pm.
- The Triumphant Quartet will be at Union Fork Baptist Church, in Soddy Daisy, TN Saturday, November 2nd at 6 p.m. The doors open at 5 p.m. for more information about the concert, or to find the church go online to: gospelradiofavorites.com This is the home church of Brian Crowe, host of the Gospel Radio Favorites International Radio Broadcast that is heard on WYXI RADIO FM 94.5 & AM 1390 every Saturday afternoon at 5 p.m.

- Niota, is holding a Fall Festival Saturday, Nov. 2nd, at 4 pm. Scan the QR code in their ad on page 4 for more info about their ministries.
- church services every 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 10:00 am. Everyone is welcome to join us. Minister Juanita McClure Lewis is the Interim Pastor.
- On Sunday, November 10, First Church of God (300 N. Congress Pkwy., Athens) will be hosting the Gospel Singing Group Journey Home for their 6:00 pm service.

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## Never Miss an Update!



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#### TN State Parks to Hold Public Meetings on 10-Year Plans

Tennessee State Parks will host public meetings at 11 parks statewide in the coming weeks to discuss site-specific management plans. These plans are part of a broader 10-year Comprehensive Strategic Plan for the state's 59 parks. Each meeting offers an overview of individual park goals and invites public feedback. The strategic proposals focus on resource stewardship, visitor experience, facilities and amenities, and operational excellence. Meetings will take place at or near the parks themselves, providing a local opportunity for community engagement and input.

"While we have a statewide strategic plan, we want to engage visitors about the specific parks they frequent," said Greer Tidwell, deputy commissioner of Conservation for the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. "We welcome everyone to the meetings. We're committed to having the best state parks system in the nation."

The meetings will be from Nov. 4 through Jan. 28.

For a full list of parks and schedule, click **HERE** 

### **Football Schedules and Times**

## This Week's Match-Ups

Thursday, October 31st

Meigs Co. 14 @ Tyner Academy 20 Sweetwater 14 @ Brainerd 20

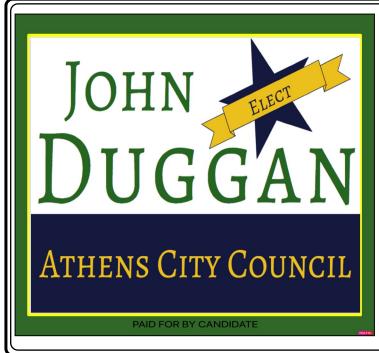
Friday, November 1st

Cumberland Co. (2-7) @ Sequoyah (0-9) 7 pm McMinn County (4-5) @ Walker Valley (7-2) 7pm Chatt.Central (5-4) @ McMinn Central (6-3) 7:30 pm

E. Hamilton (6-3) @ Rhea Co. (5-3) 7pm

#### Saturday

College Football
KY Wildcats (3-5) @ (7) TN Volunteers (6-1)
7:45 pm Kickoff
Watch on the SEC Network







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