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Local & State News

◆ TRUCK WRECK CAUSES I-75 PROBLEMS

Southbound traffic on Interstate 75 in McMinn County was a mess much of the day Tuesday after a tractor trailer loaded with ice cream overturned around 5 a.m. at mile marker 37. State Trooper Travis Ryans said the driver, who was a trainee, fell asleep and ran off the road. The trailer was in the sleeping berth at the time. Neither was seriously injured. The right-hand lane was blocked until mid-afternoon while workers off-loaded the ice cream. After that, a wrecker uprighted the truck and hauled it away. At one point, southbound traffic was backed up about seven miles.

◆ FIRE DESTROYS ATHENS HOUSE

Athens firefighters responded to a house fire on Wabash Street around 8:30 Tuesday morning. The house was fully involved in flames as they arrived. A full page was issued and 14 firefighters battled the fire. The home's occupants had left a short time before the fire started. Chief Jim Dyer says the fire started in the living room and may have been caused by an electrical or wiring problem. He says the interior of the house was gutted.

A short time after the Athens fire, the Clearwater Volunteer Fire Department responded to a fire in an old school bus on C.R. 208.



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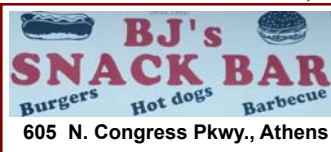
NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ A New York doctor who contracted the Ebola virus while treating infected people in West Africa, and the last known Ebola patient in the United States, has been released from the hospital after being declared cured. Craig Spencer, an emergency room doctor in New York, announced at a press conference that he had been discharged from Bellevue Hospital, one of a handful of US medical facilities designated to handle Ebola cases.

◆ Jay Nixon, Governor of Missouri, says the National Guard will be on standby to respond to any violence after a grand jury decides whether or not to indict a white police officer for shooting dead an unarmed black teenager in Ferguson. Police officers from across the state could be called on to restore order if protests get out of hand.

◆ MAN ROBS DOLLAR GENERAL STORE

Athens police are looking for a man who robbed the Dollar General store on South White Street Tuesday morning. The clerk told officers a man with a slender build and wearing a dark jacket and a dark hat with a white eagle on the front, waved a small-caliber handgun and demanded money. The clerk had to scan a pack of chewing gum in order to open the register. She handed the man an undisclosed amount of cash, and he fled on foot.



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COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

- ✓ Athens Utilities Board advises that both eastbound lanes of West Madison Avenue will be closed from Scott Street to Douglas Street tomorrow, Nov. 13, starting at 8 a.m. for work on an underground wastewater line. AUB hopes to have the work completed by early afternoon.
- ✓ You are invited to enjoy an evening of fun, food, fellowship and shopping at the annual "Holiday House" tomorrow at 6 p.m. at the McMinn Living Heritage Museum. Tickets are \$15 and include a buffet supper. There will also be a bake sale and silent auction.
- ✓ The McMinn County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Center for Education Excellence, #3 South Hill Street, Athens.
- ✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce announces the next lunch and learn seminar will be "Making Social Media Work for Your Business." The seminar will be held on Thursday, Nov. 20, from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology on Vo-Tech Drive. The lunch and seminar are free to chamber members. The cost for non-members is \$10. Call 745-0334.
- ✓ The next Athens Chamber of Commerce "Cash Mob" is this Thursday at Shop the World Gifts, Highway 411 North, Englewood.
- ✓ The Meigs-Decatur Chamber of Commerce holds its Annual Banquet tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. at the Decatur Seventh Day Adventist Church. The speaker will be Charles King, a well-known golf instructor and graduate of Meigs High School.

Obituaries

• **Evelyn Bohannon**, age 84, of Nashville died last Saturday. She was a native of Athens and a former employee of Proffitt's Department Store. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks were little changed as gains in homebuilder shares helped offset losses among industrial companies. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 1.16 at 17,614.90. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 1.42 at 2,039.68, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 8.94 at 4,660.56.

◆ **SALUTING MEIGS COUNTY VETERANS**

Veterans from Meigs County were honored at a Veterans Day ceremony in front of the Meigs County Courthouse on Tuesday. (Photo courtesy of state Senator Mike Bell)



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