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Monday, February 22, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

Local & Area News

◆ VANDALS TARGET EAST TN AUTO OUTLET

Over 40 vehicles, including several antique automobiles, were damaged by vandals Saturday night. Scott Cass, owner of East Tennessee Auto Outlet on Hwy. 30, tells the MORNING FAX that surveillance video identified the vandals. Two male juveniles from County Road 197 have been arrested and taken to the Bradley County Juvenile facility. Sheriff Joe Guy says the damage is estimated at \$250,000. (Photo by Scott Cass)



◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ The City of Athens Parks and Recreation Department has extended registration for the McMinn County Amateur Softball Association (ASA) Girls Fast Pitch Softball. Sign-ups for girls, ages 4 through 14, will be taken through March 4. The fee is \$65 per player and includes jersey, pants, socks and secondary medical insurance. Home games will be played at the Athens Regional Park and Athens Middle School Field located at City Park Elementary School. Admission is free to all games. A copy of the player's birth certificate is required during registration. For more info call 744-2704.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ A series of explosions in the Syrian cities of Homs and Damascus have left dozens of people dead. The deadly blasts came from vehicles packed with explosives. Among those killed and injured were government employees and students.
- ◆ Police in Michigan have arrested a man who allegedly opened fire in three locations in Kalamazoo, killing six people. The shooter drove into various parking lots, spoke with the victims, and then opened fire at point blank range.
- ◆ A funeral service for late Justice Antonin Scalia was held Saturday at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. About 3,500 people were in attendance. The homily was delivered by Scalia's son, Father Paul Scalia, a Catholic priest.
- ◆ The Serbian government says two Serbian nationals who were being held hostage in Libya were killed in U.S. airstrikes last Friday. The airstrikes targeted ISIS training camps in Libya.
- ◆ GOP front-runner Donald Trump again said he was being treated unfairly by the Republican National Committee despite his overwhelming win in the party's primary in South Carolina Saturday.
- ◆ Hillary Clinton nabbed a narrow win over her opponent Bernie Sanders in the Nevada caucuses, which were held on Saturday.



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Monday, February 22, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

More United Way Awards

The United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties held their annual awards luncheon last week. Five "Spirit of the Community" awards were presented to several organizations for their support of the United Way. They included E&E Manufacturing Company, DENSO, UPS, Jackson & Runyon, CPA's, and WYXI RADIO and The Morning Fax. In the photo: (Front row, L-R) Trish Bennett & Melissa Tullock - E&E Mfg.; Stacy Edwards - Jackson & Runyon; Erin Holbrook - DENSO. (Top row, L-R) Co-Chairs Greg Moses & Rhonda Whaley - DPA; Mark Lefler - WYXI & Morning Fax; Jim Tiberio - UPS. (Photo by Mary Lefler)



Obituaries

- **Audrey Jane "Janie" Burkett**, age 75, of Niota, died last Thursday at U.T. Medical Center. She had worked at Crescent Hosiery Mill and was the former owner of Jane's Neighborhood Grocery in Niota. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Martha Agnes Penney**, age 91, of Athens, died last Thursday at Life Care Center of Athens. A Memorial Service will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Allen Memorial United Methodist Church with visitation from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- **Kenny Walker**, age 71, of Athens, died last Friday at his home. He was a veteran serving in the U.S. Army and was a former employee of the Sheriff's Department and the McMinn County Highway Department. A graveside service will be Monday at 10am at the Meadowfork Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- **Gladys Marie Eaves Evans**, age 89, of the Sanford Community, died Friday at Life Care Center of Athens. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- **Iona Stephens Wilson**, age 93, of Athens, died last Friday at Life Care Center of Athens. Funeral services will be Monday at 7 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Hayden Patric Kyle**, age 20, of Charleston, died last Thursday at his home. He was a Peer Educator and played music in several bands. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

RIBBON CUT FOR NEW ATHENS BUSINESS

A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens business and Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Skin Cancer & Cosmetic Dermatology Center (SC&CDC) located at 425 Old Riceville Road, Suite 3 in Athens. Joining in the celebration were (first row left to right) John Gentry (McMinn County Mayor), Larae Graves (Chamber Diplomat), April Hall, Ashley Miller, PA-C, and Patty Petersen (SC&CDC Staff); (second row left to right) Mark Cochran (McMinn County Mayor's Assistant), Jackie Newman (Chamber Chairman), Joanne Arnett (Chamber Diplomat), Kelley Finnell, Leeann Jones, Sarah Rigsby, and Misty Lawson (SC&CDC Staff), Matt Dannel (Chamber Diplomat); (third row left to right) Charlie Hall (SC&CDC Staff), Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Jennifer Richesin (SC&CDC Staff), Lisa Harrison (Chamber Diplomat), Catherine Ruiz-Ramsey, and Jason Nicholas (SC&CDC Staff). (Photo courtesy of Athens Chamber)



WEATHER FORECAST

Monday - Cloudy. 30% rain chance. High near 60.

Monday night - Cloudy. 80% rain. Low upper 40s.

Tuesday - Mostly cloudy. 60% rain chance. High mid to upper 50's.

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