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◆ DAVIS DROPS OUT OF CITY COUNCIL RACE

In a big development in the race for the Athens City Council, Mayor Ann Davis has withdrawn. Mayor Davis tells The Morning Fax that the decision not to run for re-election was one of the hardest decisions she's ever had to make. She says her 99-year-old mother has dementia, recently suffered a stroke, and requires round-the-clock care. Davis says she is just not able to run a campaign and take care of her mother at the same time. She says the Bible teaches that parents should be our priority in taking care of them in their older days. Davis says she will continue to serve as mayor until the November election. She was elected to the City Council in 2008 and has served as mayor since 2014. She will continue to work part time as executive director of the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum. Davis says she will be resigning from several state and national boards and offices. The deadline for qualifying to run for the Athens City Council is noon today. At this point there are four candidates who have qualified: Chuck Burris, John Coker, Jordan Curtis, and Timothy Hughes.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Parks and Recreation Department announces that the "Watermelon Rubber Band Challenge" will take place this afternoon at 4 at the Athens Farmers Market. The E.G. Fisher Public Library will read watermelon stories for the kids. The children can interact with vendors, and everyone can watch a watermelon explode by the force of rubber bands.

◆ Thae Yong Ho, who was the deputy ambassador at the North Korean embassy in London, has defected to South Korea. His defection was announced in a press conference by Jeong Joon Hee, a spokesman at the South Korean Ministry of Unification.

◆ An "independent special investigation" is being launched by the United Nations Secretary-General into harrowing allegations that U.N. peacekeepers did not respond to prevent the abuse, rape and murder of several civilians and foreigners, including Americans, in South Sudan's war-torn capital.

◆ American gymnast Simone Biles won her record-breaking gold medal in the women's floor routine finals on Tuesday in Rio de Janeiro. Biles, who is 19, becomes the fifth woman, and the first American woman, to win four gymnastics gold medals in a single Olympic Games.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce's monthly Business Before Hours gathering will be today, Thursday, from 8 to 9 a.m. at The Sock Shop, 2622 Decatur Pike.

✓ The McMinn Regional Humane Society has free newsletters for anyone who requests one. Just call 649-0370 to sign up.

✓ The McMinn Senior Activity Center in Athens has been awarded a \$2500 grant from the Tennessee Arts Commission to offer a series of art workshops throughout the year.

Niota Volunteer Fire Department Fund-Raiser

Sat., Aug. 20th 10am-6pm

Niota Town Square

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Friday - Mostly cloudy. 50% scattered t'storms. High-85.

Fri. Night - Mostly cloudy.

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Athens, Tennessee

WYXI Named "Best of the Best"

Again this year, readers of the Daily Post-Athenian have named WYXI Radio announcers Bob Ketchersid and Mark Lefler as the "Best of the Best" radio announcers in McMinn County. Bob and Mark are co-owners of WYXI (1390 AM), which they bought in 1986. They are planning to begin simulcasting on FM in the near future. Look for an announcement coming soon. The photo below shows Bob accepting his certificate from DPA Marketing Representative, Jeremy Rowland, at the DPA's Best of the Best Awards Banquet in June.



Obituaries

- **Juanita Mae Thompson "Gran Gran" Inman**, age 88, of Athens, died Monday at Etowah Health Care Center. She was a bookkeeper at Athens Hosiery Mill and Vestal Hosiery Mill, and a former employee of Rose's Department Store, Johnson's Home Furnishings, and Cherokee Hardware. Funeral services will be at 12 noon Thursday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 11 a.m. to 12 noon at the funeral home.
- **Paul Douglas Watkins**, age 51, of Niota, died Sunday at UT Medical Center. He was an employee of La-Z-Boy in Dayton. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m.
- **Nathan Bivens**, age 71, of Athens, died Tuesday at his residence after a 10-year battle with cancer. He was a farmer and a retired McMinn County school bus driver. He served in the Army during the Vietnam War. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Wesleyanna United Methodist Church, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home.
- **Edna Pauline Swafford Burns**, age 97, of Etowah, died Tuesday at McMinn Memorial Nursing Home. She graduated from Etowah High School in 1937. Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- **Angel Stephens Kennedy**, age 44, of Etowah, died Wednesday at her home. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Serenity Funeral Home with visitation Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

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