

Monday, July 31, 2017

Local & State News

PROMINENT RESTAURANT OWNER DIES

Dave Burris, who founded the Western Sizzlin' Steak House in 1978, died Friday in Manchester. Burris was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He worked in banking for 22 years, at McMinn County Savings and Loan and First National Bank of Athens, before getting into the restaurant business. He was a private pilot with commercial, multi-engine, and instrument ratings. He volunteered his services as an Angle Flights pilot for cancer patients.



Obituary arrangements are listed on Page 2.

◆ COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE BEGINS THE MOVE TO NEW LOCATION

Starting today, McMinn County Jail inmates will begin the process of moving some of the furnishings and other items out of the County Clerk's office and into the new office in the remodeled building across from the Courthouse. County Clerk Evonne Hayes says her office will continue to operate at its current location until around mid-August, when the new office opens. She says she is hopeful they can make the move without missing a day. In the meantime, she says the office at its current location is open on a normal schedule.

National & World News

◆ The next presidential election is still 1,193 days away, but President Trump already has his first challenger in the 2020 race. Maryland Democratic Rep. John Delaney tweeted his plans to run. Delaney is a wealthy former bank executive.

• President Trump is urging Senate Republicans to continue to try to overhaul ObamaCare, telling them "the world is watching." He is urging Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell to again try to pass the legislation, even if he has to lower the vote threshold to a 51-vote majority; the so-called nuclear option.

◆ Americans receiving Social Security benefits in 2018 can expect to see the program's largest payment increase in years. In January, recipients will receive a \$28 monthly increase in benefits, which amounts to 2.2%. The average monthly payment for Social Security recipients is \$1,253.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Meigs County Fair opens tomorrow. The fair will run from August 1st-5th.

 \checkmark The McMinn County Commission holds its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Blue Room of the Courthouse. This will be a combined July and August Commission meeting.

✓ The guest on this week's "Chamber Chat" radio program by the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce will be Michelle Holden with Latitude Residential. You can hear Chamber Chat at 8:15 a.m. each Tuesday on WYXI Radio, AM-1390 and FM-94.5.





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Athens, Tennessee

A New Military Honor Guard

A new Honor guard is being formed in McMinn County to assist with military honors for veterans at graveside or memorial services. Companion Funeral Home has donated a new ceremonial bugle for use at those services. The photograph shows Luke Shepherd, Pre-need Counselor and Apprentice Funeral Director with Companion Funeral Home on the far right, Honor Guard Secretary/Treasurer Larry Keal on the left, and Honor Guard Commander David Riden in the center, holding the bugle.

(Photo courtesy of Andy Brusseau, Daily Post-Athenian)



Back to School Bash

August 5th at 2:00pm Union McMinn Baptist Church

Niota, TN The Back to School Bash will include: Back to School Message: Bryan Coffey *REDEEMED performance Hand out school supplies Meal Blessing of the Backpacks Open to Everyone

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• **David Burris, Sr.,** age 79, of Athens, died Friday in Manchester. He was an Air Force veteran. He worked in banking for 22 years, for both McMinn County Savings and Loan and First National Bank of Athens. In 1978, he founded the Western Sizzlin' Steak House in Athens. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from noon to 3.

• Judy Kimball Byrd Offutt of Athens died Saturday. She had been a nurse since 1961. She was the wife of veterinarian Dr. John Offutt. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Athens First Baptist Church, with visitation from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the church.

• **Gerald Manis**, age 71, of Riceville, died Thursday. He served in the Air Force and was retired from Bendix. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m.

• **Dennis Ray Chris,** age 70, of Etowah, died Friday. He was an Army veteran and retired from LTV Steel In Indiana. No services are planned at this time. Companion Funeral Home is in charge.

