



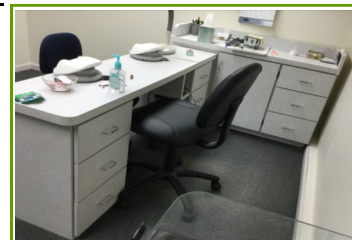
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Local & State News

◆ KING'S CROSSING DEDICATED SATURDAY

A large crowd of people gathered Saturday at noon for a ceremony to name the railroad crossing at Howard Street and Cook Drive "King's Crossing," in memory of Alana Jade King, the 21-year-old mother who was killed when her car was struck by a train at the railroad crossing last October 2nd. The fatal crash prompted government and railroad officials to install crossing bars earlier this year. Athens City Manager C. Seth Sumner, Mayor Chuck Burris, and the entire Athens City Council attended the dedication ceremony, which featured comments from Mayor Burris and Vice Mayor Dick Pelley. Jade's father, Edgar King, Jr., also spoke briefly. In the photo: (L-R) Edgar King, Jr., Jade's son Zayden, her mother, Vania, and her sister, Kelaiah. (Photo courtesy of Bruce Hari with Tanasee Photography)



National & World News

◆ After rumors swirled in the past weeks about Jeff Sessions' standing in the Trump administration, President Trump has tweeted praise for the attorney general following his crackdown on leaks to the press.

◆ A New York Times report over the weekend said that Republican shadow campaigns for the 2020 presidential election are already taking shape, including Vice President Mike Pence. Presidential advisor Kellyanne Conway dismissed the reports and said that Vice President Mike Pence is indeed eyeing a 2020 vice-presidential run, but is not in the running for president.

◆ Ten people were taken to a hospital after severe turbulence on a flight from Athens, Greece, to Philadelphia, on Saturday. There were nearly 300 people on board American Airlines flight 759.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The McMinn County Election Commission will have a called meeting on Thursday, August 10th at 5:30 p.m., in the conference room of the McMinn County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting will be to call a special election for a Calhoun City Commission vacancy and set the election date.

✓ The guest on this week's "Chamber Chat" radio program by the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce will be Lauren Shepherd with the Athens Area Council of the Arts. You can hear Chamber Chat at 8:15 a.m. each Tuesday on WYXI Radio. Tune to: AM-1390 or FM-94.5. You can listen online [HERE](#).



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Monday - 80% rain & t'storms. High the in the low 80's.
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Tuesday - 60% rain & t'storms. High in the upper 70's.
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Athens, Tennessee

Meigs Man Faces Vehicular Homicide

Earnest P. Biddwell, age 40, of Decatur has been arrested and charged with the death of 53-year-old John H. Hubbard of Delano. Biddwell was driving a 2006 model Volvo tractor-trailer southbound on State Highway 305 last Thursday morning around 8 a.m. when the trailer became detached, traveled across the center line into the opposite lane, and struck a truck heading northbound, causing it to run off the roadway and overturn. The driver, John H. Hubbard, was pronounced dead at the scene. Biddwell continued to drive away, but was apprehended and arrested later in Meigs County. He was charged with vehicular homicide, driving on a revoked license and having no medical card, which is required of truck drivers. He's also charged with failure to render aid and give information, failure to give immediate notice of the accident and leaving the scene of an accident resulting in death. He was released from the the McMinn County Jail Saturday after posting a \$39,000 bond. State Trooper Gordon Roberts was the investigating officer.



Obituaries

- ♦ **Gary Dean Palmer**, age 56, of Riceville, died last Wednesday. The family and friends are invited to a graveside service at the Palmer Family cemetery on Thursday, August 17th at 6 p.m. Companion Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Gail Presley**, age 60, of Etowah, died Saturday at Starr Regional Medical Center. A Graveside Service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, at Conasauga Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Bordwine Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Horace Moore, II**, age 72, of Niota, died Sunday at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Barbara Irene (Tootsie) Priestwood**, age 84, of Niota, died Saturday at Starr Regional Medical Center. She was a former employee of Crescent Hosiery Mill and retired from Neuville Industries. Funeral services will be Monday at 7 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation to start at 5 p.m.

FRIDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. markets ended slightly up, with energy and financials as the top-performing sectors. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 67 points to 22,093. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 5 points 2,477, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 11 points to 6,352.

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