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## Local & State News

### ATHENS TEACHER IN FINALS FOR TENNESSEE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Ms. Lori Farley, a media specialist at North City School, has been selected as a Teacher of the Year Region-level finalist for the Southeast region. She is one of 27 finalists from across the state who will move forward in the Tennessee Teacher of the Year selection process. She is pictured below (L-R) with Dr. Melanie Miller (Director of Schools), Ms. Farley, Holly Owens (Principal of North City School), and Melody Armstrong (Supervisor of Instruction)



## National & World News

◆ Crews in Miami have recovered all five bodies of those in vehicles crushed under the pedestrian walkway that collapsed last Thursday. A sixth person died at the hospital. Two days before the collapse, the Florida Department of Transportation received a voicemail from one of the bridge engineers saying there was "some cracking," but that it did not appear to be a safety issue.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Friends of the E.G. Fisher Public Library is currently accepting books for their annual Used Book Sale. The sale will be held July 12-15 at McMinn County High School. Donations can be made through July 7th.

✓ The Southeast Tennessee Resource Agency (SETHRA) will distribute commodities to eligible McMinn County residents this Thursday from noon to 4 p.m. at the National Guard Armory on Hwy. 30. You must have a card in order to receive commodities.

✓ The Tennessee College of Applied Technology in Athens will have a Practical Nursing Open House this Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Practical Nursing Lab. Anyone interested in becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) in just 12 months is invited to come meet with the faculty. Refreshments will be provided. The address is 1635 Technology Way.

**CORRECTION:** In our story last Friday about the Etowah Easter Egg hunt, we said more than 500 eggs would be spread on the L&N Depot lawn. That should be 5-thousand, not 500 eggs.

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## Obituaries

- ♦ **George Hermann**, age 94, of Athens, died last Thursday. He was a truck driver and dispatcher for several companies, and also served in the United States Coast Guard. The family will receive friends Monday from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Sherwood Chapel in Alcoa, with the funeral service to follow.
- ♦ **Paul "Buck" Cook, Jr.**, age 74, of Englewood, died Saturday at his home. He had driven a bus for the McMinn County Schools for 30 years. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

### CAMPUS CRIME IN AREA SCHOOLS

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation has released its annual report on crime on the state's college and university campuses. Most crimes were down, with the exception of DUI offenses which increased by 61%. The Tennessee College of Applied Technology of Athens and Hiwassee College both reported zero crimes in 2017. Tennessee Wesleyan University reported two burglaries, one rape, one case of vandalism, and two liquor law violations. Cleveland State Community College reported four thefts and one case of vandalism. Lee University reported 54 thefts, 18 assaults, 14 drug violations, 12 cases of vandalism, 10 burglaries, seven cases of drunkenness, one motor vehicle theft, three weapons violations, one DUI, and one rape. The TBI cautions against using the figures to compare one school to another.

## Former Calhoun Officers Not Guilty

A McMinn County jury has found former Calhoun Police Chief Julie Tanksley and former Calhoun police officer Charles Godsey not guilty of extortion. The two officers had been charged with extorting money from three drivers they had arrested on drug charges. Their vehicles were seized, and were turned over to them only after they paid several hundred dollars to the Calhoun drug fund. The prosecution argued that this was illegal. The defense argued it was legal. The Calhoun clerk testified that the money was turned over to the city and was properly accounted for. Tanksley testified that she believed what she and her former officer did was legal. The jury agreed, and found them not guilty. Tanksley is currently police chief in Graysville in Rhea County. Godsey has left law enforcement.

- ♦ **MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**
- ✓ The community is invited to attend the 2018 Hall of Fame Induction at McMinn County High School on April 14th. Past coaches, faculty, alumni, and past Hall of Fame recipients are especially invited. There will be a social hour from 4 to 5 p.m., Dinner at 5 in the cafeteria, and the induction ceremony will follow in the auditorium. Advance reservations are required by April 9th. Tickets are \$15. For reservations, call 745-8043 or 745-4142. The inductees for 2018 are the 2002 Cross Country Team State Champs, Ray Lovingood, Laura Koob, Beverley Stinnett Aikman, and Chris Baker.

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