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State & Local News

◆ SHOWING THEY CARE

Approximately 270 people volunteered during the United Way Day of Caring last Thursday. Below are photos of volunteers building a wall at the Tri-County Center and Donnie Cowart of DENSO painting at the Tri-County Center.

(Photos by Stephanie Linkous)



◆ CHEROKEES WIN OPENER

The McMinn County High School Cherokees won the opening football game of the season against cross-county rival McMinn Central Friday night, 39 to 0, in spite of the weather. The stadium was evacuated because of lightning just before the opening kick-off. When the teams returned to the field and the fans returned to the bleachers, the game was played in the rain.

National & World News

◆ The Trump Administration is stepping up efforts to revive the flagging U.S. coal industry with a planned announcement next week that restrictive Obama-era climate policies will be replaced with new rules designed to help coal-burning plants run harder and stay open longer.

◆ The Pentagon is preparing to send a hospital ship to Colombia to help relieve the strain on health care systems caused by an influx of hundreds of thousands of Venezuelans who have fled their crisis-torn country, mainly to Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Brazil.

◆ A mailman in Kansas found a huge boa constrictor wrapped around a mailbox as he tried to deliver mail to a home. Sorry folks, no letters for you today! Police say it was an escaped pet.

◆ National Security Adviser John Bolton, appearing on ABC's *This Week*, said Russia is only one of four countries that could potentially try to interfere in the 2018 U.S. midterm elections. The U.S. is also concerned about possible election meddling by China, North Korea and Iran.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The guest tomorrow on the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce weekly radio show, "Chamber Chat," will be Emmette Johnson of Johnson's Home Furnishings. You can hear Chamber Chat every Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI RADIO FM 94.5 and AM-1390 or [ONLINE](#).

✓ The Athens City Council will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, August 21st, at 6 p.m., at the Municipal Building.

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Obituaries

- ♦ **Glenda Mae Vance Edwards**, age 66, of Athens, died Saturday at her home. She was an accountant for over 30 years at Textron and Plastic Industries. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Gabbard** of Athens died Friday at Erlanger Medical Center after a short illness. She retired from AT&T. After the death of her husband, Scott, she returned to work at Met Com Credit Union. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mary Catholic Church, with visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Vera Witt**, age 96, of Athens, died Saturday. Funeral arrangements will be announced by M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Tina Michelle Hall**, age 46, of Hixson, died last Thursday at her home. Graveside services were held Sunday at Idlewild Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home was in charge.
- ♦ **Billy Franklin Rogers**, age 85, of Etowah, died last Wednesday at his home. He was retired from Textron and previously worked at Beaunit of Etowah. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Funeral services were conducted this past Saturday at Serenity Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Goodsprings Baptist Church Cemetery.
- ♦ **Ruth Kilpatrick Rogers**, age 93, of Etowah, died Sunday. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in McMinn Memory Gardens. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

JOHNSON'S GRAND RE-OPENING

More than a year after suffer major damage from the fire that destroyed the adjoining Jim Logan law office in Downtown Athens, Johnson's Home Furnishing has re-opened. The fire took place on July 1st, 2017. Johnson's held its grand re-opening this past Saturday. Emmette and Sharon Johnson say they're pleased to be back in business and are looking forward to serving their customers once again. Johnson's has been in business in Athens since 1932.

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