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Wednesday, October 17, 2018

Athens, Tennessee

### Local & Area News

#### ◆ EARLY VOTING STARTS TODAY

Early voting for the November 6th election starts today. You can vote early in McMinn County at the Election Commission office on the ground floor of the Courthouse. Early voting hours are:  
M,W,F 8:30 AM-4:00 PM  
T, TH 8:30 AM-6:00 PM  
Sat 8:30 AM-12 Noon

Early voting continues through November 1st.

#### ◆ SEARS CLOSING STORES IN AREA

Sears has filed for bankruptcy and is closing 142 of its stores by the end of the year. One of those is the Sears at Hamilton Place Mall in Chattanooga. Sears is also closing both of its stores in Knoxville, including the store at West Town Mall. The stores will begin liquidation sales immediately.

#### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The monthly Athens Area Chamber of Commerce "Business Before Hours" will be Thursday, Oct. 18th, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., at DENSO, 2400 Denso Drive.
- ✓ You are invited to explore the stranger side of McMinn County history and legends. Join Patsy Duckworth and Sheriff Joe Guy for an evening of local ghost stories and legends Thursday, Oct. 18th, at 6 p.m. at the E.G. Fisher Public Library. The program is free and is suitable for teens and adults. Audience members are encouraged to bring your own local ghost stories and legends to share.

### National & World News

◆ Hurricane Michael's death toll has climbed to 26, with 16 people dying in Florida, and 10 people in Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia.

◆ Attorney General Jeff Sessions lit into federal judges for what he called "outrageous" decisions threatening to interfere with the separation of powers by exposing internal White House deliberations. He specifically singled out New York district court judge Jesse M. Furman, who ruled that Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross could be questioned in an ongoing lawsuit concerning the legality of the Trump administration's decision to add a citizenship question to the 2020 census. Sessions stated that Furman's decision contradicts longstanding statutory provisions that protect certain executive branch discussions from disclosure, in order to encourage free and open deliberations by executive branch officials. He called the ruling a "blatant violation of deliberative process and attorney-client privileges." Furman's order, which was upheld by a New York federal appellate court, has been stayed by Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The full Supreme Court is expected to decide the issue soon.

#### ◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ A free Diabetes Prevention Workshop begins Thursday, October 18th, from 4 to 5 p.m. at the E.G. Fisher Public Library. Call 745-3249 to enroll.
- ✓ The guest on "Hope from the Well," the weekly radio program from Women at the Well this Thursday will be Amanda Yarbrough, a student at Women at the Well. Hope from the Well is heard at 8:15 a.m. each Thursday on WYXI Radio FM 94.5, AM 1390 and **ONLINE**



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#### WEATHER FORECAST

Wednesday - 10% rain early.  
High 66.  
Wed. night - Mostly clear and  
much cooler. Low 40.  
Thursday - Sunny. High 63.  
Friday - Partly sunny. High 67.  
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**OBITUARIES**

- ♦ **Brenda Sue Combs**, age 59, of Riceville, died on Monday, October 8th. A memorial service will be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens, with visitation from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Mary Ruth Burger**, age 95, died recently in Dunedin, Florida. She was born at the Old Chestnut Farm in Etowah. She worked at the Ridge Textile Mill in Athens for many years. She later moved to Marietta, Georgia, where she donated a kidney to her daughter, Deloris. She was employed in child care until her retirement. A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 2 to 2:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Curtis Hall**, age 77, of Reliance, died Sunday. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- ♦ **Virginia Lee Payne**, age 85, of Spring City, died Monday at Fort Sanders Medical Center in Knoxville. Arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home of Athens.
- ♦ **Earl Rogers**, age 88, of Loudon, died Monday at Loudon Medical Center. He was a native of McMinn County. He was a veteran of the Korean War serving in the U.S. Navy. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

**Cutting the Ribbon for MEDIC**

The ribbon was cut recently for the new MEDIC Regional Blood Center office on East Washington Avenue in Athens. Shown in the photo below, front row, left to right: Lisa Harrison, Greg Shaw, Steven Smith, Brenda Sharp, Darren Ellis, Dr. Tom Watkins, Sheila Roberson, Hannah Hitson, Jim Decker (CEO of MEDIC), Jack Bryan, Nancy Seay, Jerry Rysticken, Chris Phipps, Claudia Maples, Heather Trew, J.B. Gaskins (President/CEO of Blood Assurance) Back row: Rob Preston (Athens Chamber President/CEO), Mike Herr, Athens City Councilman Bo Perkinson, Luke Shepherd, Athens City Manager C. Seth Sumner, Erin Holbrook, Kim York, Ronnie Hall, Blake McCaslin



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