

Community News You Can Use

✓ Early voting for the March 3rd Super Tuesday election begins today and continues through Feb. 25th. You can vote early at the McMinn County Election Commission office on the basement floor of the Courthouse. The hours for early voting are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; and 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday.

✓ The City of Etowah Monthly Planning Commission meeting that was cancelled Monday due to the weather has been rescheduled for next Monday, February 17th, at 5 p.m. at the Community Center.

✓ The McMinn County Board of Education will meet in regular session tomorrow, Feb. 13th, at 5:30 p.m. at the McMinn County Center for Educational Excellence. There will be a Five Year Plan Committee meeting immediately prior to the regular session meeting at 4:45 p.m.

 \checkmark The Athens Lutheran Church will be sponsoring Valentines Bingo today at 10 a.m. at the McMinn County Senior Activity Center. Lunch will follow, provided by the members of the church.

✓ The guest on "Hope from the Well" this week is Steve Austin, author of "Getting Your Life on Target." "Hope from the Well" is presented by Women at the Well each Thursday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, FM 94.5 and AM-1390 and ONLINE

Chamber Award Winner Photos

Thanks to Julie Simbeck, we have photos of the award winners at the recent Athens Chamber Annual Meeting. The photo on the left shows Jeff Brandon of Helping Hands receiving the Man of the Year Award from Jeff Schumacher with the DPA (left) and Bryan Jackson, retired CPA with Jackson & Runyan (right). The photo on the right shows Dr. Melanie Miller receiving the Business Professional Woman of the Year Award from Catherine Melton of the Pilot Club. (More Photos on Page 2)







Obituaries

• **Betty Pickel Axley,** age 91, of the Mt. Harmony Community near Niota, died Monday at Spring City Care and Rehab Center. Graveside services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday at Mt. Harmony Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Smith Funeral Home on Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

• Terry Douglas Seymour, Sr., age 71, of Athens, died Sunday at his home. He worked as a builder. A graveside service will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Wildwood Cemetery. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

• Anne Shell Nunley, age 65, of Tellico Plains and formerly of McMinn County, died February 5th at her home. The family will receive friends on Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Tellico, with the funeral service to follow at 7. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

• John Bartly Jenkins, age 44, of McMinn County, died last Saturday. He was a heavy equipment operator for several different companies in the area. He was a veteran of the Air Force. The family will receive friends Thursday, Feb. 13th, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Athens Chapel of Companion Funeral Home, with a funeral service to follow at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks closed higher. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was unchanged at 29,276. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 6 points or 0.2% to 3,358, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 11 points or 0.1% to 9,639.

More Chamber Award Winners

The photo below left shows the Athens Chamber Mother of the Year, Carolyn McDonald (holding the plate), with her family. The photo on the right shows the Young Man of the Year, Jordon Curtis (left) receiving the award from Dr. Harley Knowles, President of TWU.



Jonathan Lee of Lee Farms in Englewood was named Farmer of the Year. No photograph was available.



