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Athens City Schools Ribbon Cutting

After years of hard work and millions of dollars, the Athens City Schools new consolidated school had its official dedication and Ribbon Cutting Sunday afternoon. Accolades were given to the hundreds of people who made the huge project possible. In the photo, Students Left to Right: Ava Hall, Sailor Starkey, Evie Thompson, Carl Mason Sumner. Adults Left to Right: Dr. Melanie Miller, former Director of Athens City Schools; Chris Adams, School Board Chairman; Joe Barnett, Director of Schools; Beth Jackson & Emily Forrest, School Board Members; Mike Bevins, School Board Vice-Chairman; Abby Carroll and Johnny Coffman, School Board Members and Robert Greene, former Director of Athens City Schools.



State News

◆ A small group of Pro-Palestinian Protesters marched along the streets near Nashville's Centennial Park Sunday. The latest protest coincides with new proposed legislation in the Tennessee General Assembly. Three bills are under consideration: HJR 688, SJR 805, and SJR 870, show their full support for Israel and condemn the attacks by the terrorist group Hamas in early October. A Rabbi with the Jewish Federation of Nashville said that "Knowing we have the backing of our state leadership in this way, is incredibly humbling and appreciated by us in the Jewish community". The Tennessee General Assembly shows two bills were "passed on second consideration" and referred to the Senate Finance committee. The other has not yet moved forward. Newschannel5.com

◆ The National Park Service is preparing to burn 1000 acres of fields in Cades Cove in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park by the end of March. NPS said that burn operations depend on weather conditions. Crews are monitoring conditions including vegetation, soil moisture, wind speed and direction, temperature and relative humidity to ensure that the burn can be conducted safely. The loop road and historic structures will remain open during the burns, however, the road to the Primitive Baptist Church will be closed. Visitors should also expect delays during burn operations. People are also asked to reduce speed in work zones, and to roll up their windows and turn on their headlights if smoke is present. WATE.com

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Obituaries

◆ **Laura Francis Johnson Faris**, age 67, lifelong resident of McMinn County, passed away on Friday, February 2. Arrangements will be announced at a later time. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

◆ **James Daniel Burger**, age 62, of Etowah, passed away Friday, February 2, after a long-term battle with degenerative disease. He was born in Athens. After graduating from North Cobb High School in Kennesaw, GA, in 1979, he began his 18-year career at the Steel Mill in Cartersville, GA, until it's closing. He enjoyed restoring old vehicles, winning awards for the best vehicle paint jobs. He was on a power lifting team, as well as participating in several marathons. Danny loved boating and fishing in his spare time. A memorial service will be held at 4:00 p.m., Saturday February 10, at Bordwine Funeral Home.

✓ **LISTENING REMINDER:** The guest on the Main Street Athens radio show, "Main Street Moments," will be Timberly Guffey discussing Downtown Valentine's Promotion. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. **TODAY** on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5.

Polk County Texting / Home Detention

-The Polk County 911 Emergency Communication District now offers Texting to 911. This will allow smart phone users to text 911 if they cannot make a voice call. When texting to 911, type "911" in the "To" field. Officials advise making the message brief and concise. It should include the location of the emergency and the type of help needed. The McMinn County 911 center began accepting texts late last year.

-A new proposed bill would allow some older Tennessee inmates to spend the remainder of their sentence at home. The bill would require the Tennessee Department of Correction to create a five-year pilot program to release elderly inmates who have served at least 65% of their sentence to home detention. They define an elderly inmate as a person who is 60 years of age or older. Inmates must also not be serving a sentence for a violent sexual offense or more than one conviction of first-degree murder, or facilitation of first-degree murder, and are not serving a sentence of imprisonment for life without parole.

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