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Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ RURAL/METRO LOSES CONTRACT

The McMinn County Commission has voted not to renew the license of Rural/Metro Ambulance Service. As a result, their license to operate as a non-emergency ambulance service provider will expire on June 30th. The county's other ambulance provider, AMR, will provide both emergency and non-emergency ambulance service beginning July 1st.

◆ BLACKBURN LEAVING MUSEUM POST

Amy Blackburn has resigned as the executive director of the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum effective August 15th. She will be joining her husband in Wisconsin, where he is now working. Ann Davis, a former director of the Museum, is stepping in as interim director until a replacement can be found.

◆ REVITALIZING DOWNTOWN ETOWAH ⇨

Etowah is one of six communities selected to participate in the Tennessee Downtowns program. Downtowns is a competitive community improvement program for cities and counties seeking to revitalize traditional commercial districts. Etowah will form a volunteer committee of citizens who will participate in a two-year training program designed to teach them about comprehensive, sustainable downtown revitalization and historic preservation. The training includes webinars, workshops, and \$15,000 grant. The six communities, including Etowah, each have downtown commercial districts established at least 50 years ago. The selection process was based on need, historic resources, and probability of success.

WORLD & NATIONAL NEWS

◆ An official police investigation into the disappearance of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 on March 8th has identified the captain as the prime suspect--if it is proven human intervention was involved. Investigators say Captain Zaharie Shah had made no future plans and his home flight simulator had been programmed with a flight path into the depths of the Southern Indian Ocean before landing the plane on an island with a small runway. It had been deleted from the computer, but specialists were able to retrieve the files.

◆ Suni Muslim militants captured a fourth town in western Iraq over the weekend, putting more pressure on Iraq's embattled government.

◆ VIEW OF TENNESSEE AVE., DOWNTOWN ETOWAH



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Football Star Comes Home

Former football star Kippy Brown came home to Sweetwater this past Saturday to take part in a ceremony naming the street in front of Sweetwater High School "Kippy Brown Way." Brown was a former standout on the Sweetwater High School football team. In the early 1970's, the team won two state championships. Brown is now the wide receiver coach for the Seattle Seahawks, winners of the 2014 Super Bowl.

(Photo by Bruce Hari)



Obituaries

Alice Ingram Wade, age 89, of Athens died last Friday at Morning Pointe of Athens. She was a school teacher in the McMinn County and Athens City School systems until her retirement. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Allie "Cricket" Goines, age 83, of Athens died last Thursday at her home. She was retired from Thomas & Betts after 30 years of service. Funeral services were held this past Saturday night. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home was in charge.

Virginia Doris Campbell, age 93, of Etowah died last Friday at Hospice Care Center of Chattanooga. In her early 20's, she worked in Oak Ridge helping to manufacture the atomic bomb. Later, she was a part-time cook with the Food Service Department at Woods Hospital. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Idlewild Cemetery, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Bordwine Funeral Home.

◆ QUILTS OF VALOR HONOR VETERANS

Next Saturday, June 28th, the Heritage Quilt Guild and the Starr Mountain Quilts of Valor organization will present a one-day quilt show at the McMinn Living Heritage Museum. The quilts are reminders of America's appreciation to our veterans. The McMinn County Veteran's Affairs office will be on hand to distribute quilts to local veterans in honor of their service to our country. The hours will be 10 am. to 4 p.m.

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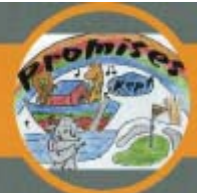


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