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Athens, Tennessee

AUB Bids Farewell to Superintendent Kevin Goins as He Takes New Role in Loudon



The Athens Utilities Board (AUB) is saying goodbye to a valued leader this week as Kevin Goins, Superintendent of Power, steps down to begin a new chapter as City Manager and Utility Manager for the City of Loudon.

AUB General Manager Eric Newberry praised Goins' contributions to the organization, stating, "Although we hate to see Kevin leave, we wish him every success in his new job and only the best for him and his family as he embarks on a new career path.

Goins expressed his gratitude for the community's support throughout his career at AUB, which began as a part-time Water/Wastewater Laborer and progressed through roles including Lineman, Line Crew Foreman, Operations Director, and, most recently, Power Division Superintendent

"Serving the customers of AUB has been an incredible honor," Goins shared. "We have seen snow and ice storms, straight-line winds, and tornados that have caused widespread power outages. However, the customers of AUB have always helped out by providing food, drinks, and just a kind word to our crews as they spent immeasurable hours away from their homes and families to restore power. AUB is a special place to me, and the friendships built here over the years will never die. I am a better person having grown up serving this community through such a special organization."

Kevin Goins' final day with AUB is Wednesday. As he moves on to this exciting new opportunity, the AUB family and the Athens community wish him and his family continued success and happiness.





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Thursday - Sunny. High 40. **Thurs. night** - Mostly Clear. Low 18.

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Obituaries

Roland Everett Kreps, 81 of Athens, passed away on Saturday, December 7. He worked at United Airlines for his entire career. After retirement, Roland was elected Chairman of the National Tourism Foundation Board of Trustees in 2004, where he helped provide scholarships to students in the travel and tourism industry. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on December 16 at Companion Funeral Home in Athens. Companion Funeral and Cremation Service is in charge of arrangements.

Frances Jay Brown "Fran" Dorward, 92 of Etowah, passed away on Wednesday, October 30. Fran graduated from Women's College in Greensboro, NC. She attained a Masters of Education Degree from UT. She taught school in North Carolina and Tennessee, concluding at McMinn County High School. She was active in many organizations including United Methodist Women, Meals on Wheels, and the CONTACT suicide hotline. She was a member of St Paul's United Methodist Church. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, December 15 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Etowah

Ruby Gale Harris Holloway, 69 of Decatur, passed away on Sunday, December 8. She enjoyed going to church at Cedar Ridge Seventh-Day Adventist Church and sewing. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Holloway Family.

Floyd "Moose" Adrian Jolley, 87 of McMinn County, passed away on Monday, December 9. He served in the US Army and the US Air Force and was a Vietnam veteran. He later worked for many years as an over-the-road truck driver. Floyd was a member of Valley View Baptist Church. Visitation will be held from 11:30-1:30 PM on Friday, December 13 at Ziegler Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow at 2:00 PM at McMinn Memory Gardens with military honors. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Floyd "Moose" Adrian Jolley.

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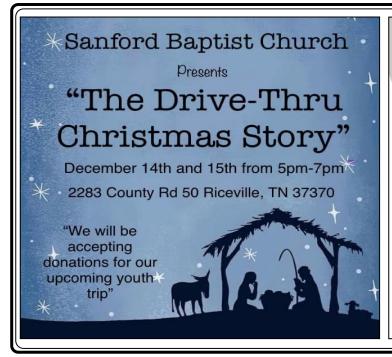
Obituaries (Continued)

Kimberly Yvonne Jones Banther, 58 of Decatur, passed away on Sunday, December 8. She worked at Storm Power for 23 years. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, December 13th at Decatur Funeral Home. If anyone would like to share a story, the family would love to hear it. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Banther Family.

Phyllis Dean Slaven Moore, 62 of Decatur, passed away on Sunday, December 8. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, fishing, and spending time with her grand-kids. She was a member of Grace Baptist Church. She loved singing gospel music. A funeral service will be held at 7 p.m., on Thursday, December 12 in the chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Interment will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 13, 2024, in the Meigs County Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m., prior to the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Moore Family.

Community News You Can Use

- UT Extension's SNAP Employment and Training Program: Skill Up Tennessee is a program that helps SNAP participants gain the skills and training they need to get a job. If you currently receive SNAP benefits and are NOT receiving TANF cash assistance, you may qualify for benefits including Gas cards for Transportation, Uniforms, Equipment, Tools, and Supplies, Testing fees and Textbooks. Visit tiny.utk.edu/SkillUpTn to see if you are eligible and to preregister.
- The McMinn County Board of Commissioners will hold its regular session on Monday, December 16, at 6:00 p.m. in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse in Athens. The meeting agenda includes a Tourism Update from Brianna Baker, Juvenile Services annual update from Melissa Hughes, Updates from county officials, and any other business that legally comes before the board.







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Verifiable Sales in McMinn County (November 1 - December 6)

Information Courtesy of TN Valley Appraisal Services, LLC (tvasinc.com)

Close Date	Close Price Street	City
11/1/2024	30,000 Henderson St	Athens
11/5/2024	143,200 Apple St	Athens
11/6/2024	269,000 Highway 307	Niota
11/8/2024	499,900 County Road 561	Etowah
11/8/2024	245,000 County Road 587	Englewood
11/8/2024	55,000 Cedar Springs Rd	Athens
11/8/2024	242,000 Cedar Springs Rd	Athens
11/12/2024	205,900 Kilgore St	Athens
11/13/2024	256,000 Community Dr	Madisonville
11/15/2024	299,900 County Road 213	Athens
11/18/2024	410,000 Highway 68	Sweetwater
11/19/2024	725,000 County Road 117	Riceville
11/19/2024	388,000 Co Rd 721	Riceville
11/20/2024	303,000 Seminole Ln	Athens
11/21/2024	182,000 County Road 50	Athens
11/21/2024	418,000 County Road 620	Etowah
11/22/2024	239,550 McCroskey St	Englewood
11/22/2024	300,000 County Road 360	Niota
11/22/2024	160,000 County Road 322	Sweetwater
11/25/2024	469,900 County Road 784	Etowah
11/26/2024	205,000 Louisiana Ave	Etowah
12/2/2024	90,000 Washington Ave	Etowah
12/2/2024	374,000 Lynnwood Drive	Athens
12/2/2024	619,000 County Road 20	Calhoun
12/3/2024	50,000 Dodson St	Englewood
12/4/2024	367,500 County Road 709	Riceville
12/4/2024	225,000 County Road 72	Riceville
12/5/2024	319,900 County Road 213	Athens
12/5/2024	535,000 County Road 623	Etowah
12/6/2024	68,000 Betts St	Athens

November 2024 Food Inspection Scores

The American Lunchbox Mobile Unit - Athens | 99 Patriot Cakes & Creamery - Athens | 99 2 Dudes BBQ Mobile Unit - Niota | 99 Midway Milkshake - Athens | 99 Hardees - White Street - Athens | 96 Dairy Queen Grill & Chill - Athens | 98 **Ingleside Motel -** Athens | 96 Captain D's - Athens | 97 **Southern Sweets Bakery -** Etowah | 100 Michael's of Etowah - Etowah | 97 Farmhouse Family Restaurant - Etowah | 99 **Taco Bell #37130 (S. White St)** -Athens | 98 Applebee's - Athens | 96 **Blue Front Coffee Company - Athens | 99** Krystal's - Athens | 98 The Midlife Frysis, LLC - Athens | 99





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G.O. 50th Anniversary - Success!





Last Saturday, WYXI RADIO had the honor to broadcast the 50th anniversary celebration and Big Reveal of Grocery Outlet on Decatur Pike. If you haven't been to Grocery Outlet lately, the store has been remodeled and the inventory expanded; it's like a brand new store! In the top photo is air personality and Morning Trading Post Host, J.P. Vasquez, interviewing G.O. store manager Marilyn. In the bottom photo (L-R) is Mark Lefler, General Manager; Stephanie Devine, Sales Representative; J.P. Vasquez, his son Theo and daughter Ella. Perhaps you are thinking about the promotion of your business, organization or event with a live radio broadcast. If so, contact Stephanie Devine at radiostephaniedevine@gmail.com or (423) 462-5309. She will be very helpful with all the details and schedule it!

No. 7 Tennessee Prepares for First CFP Matchup Against No. 6 Ohio State



The Tennessee Volunteers are gearing up for their historic first College Football Playoff game as they prepare to face No. 6 Ohio State on Saturday, December 21, at 8 p.m. ET in Columbus, broadcast nationwide on ABC/ESPN.

Speaking to the media on Tuesday for the first time since the CFP selection announcement, UT players expressed their excitement for the high-stakes matchup. Senior defensive lineman Omari Thomas described the opportunity as a blessing. "It's amazing. We are in the playoffs. We get another game, another chance to have fun and play with each other," Thomas said. "It doesn't really matter where we play. We are ready for the opportunity."

Sophomore linebacker Jeremiah Telander emphasized the team's strong mindset as they prepare for the win-or-go-home matchup. "We're extremely confident," Telander said. "Confidence comes from preparation, and we've been working toward this since January. I just can't wait to go out there and play with our guys."

The Volunteers recognize the challenge Ohio State presents and know they'll need to excel in all phases of the game to advance. With preparations in full swing, Tennessee is ready to embrace the spotlight in what promises to be a thrilling playoff clash.

Source: UTSports.com