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## LOCAL & AREA NEWS

### ◆ THE VOTERS SPEAK!

The voters have made their wishes known. In Thursday's County General election in McMinn County, voters chose Dan Evans to be the new Highway Commissioner. Evans beat Randy Moss, 5,341 to 2,901. Keith Price beat Radley Lockmiller, 5,124 to 2,880 for Property Assessor. Evonne Hoback was elected to another term as County Clerk, beating Paul Smith 5,881 to 2,196. In the only contested McMinn County School Board race, Mike Cochran defeated incumbent Kathy Dougherty, 850 to 740. In the contest for Criminal Court Judge, Sandra Donaghy defeated incumbent Amy Reedy. In the Etowah City Commission race, the top three were Jason Cardin, David James, and Edward Burke Garwood.

In the State Primary, incumbent 3rd District Congressman Chuck Fleischmann beat Weston Wamp by a slim margin of 50.6% to 49.4%. In the 4th District, Congressman Scott DesJarlais beat Jim Tracy by about 200 votes.

Three Democratic state Supreme Court justices were able to withstand a conservative effort to oust them from the bench. Justices Gary Wade, Cornelia Clark, and Sharon Lee won in the retention vote.

## MORE LOCAL NEWS

### ◆ CAFE OWNER FOUND NOT GUILTY

It took a McMinn County jury just 10 minutes to find the owner of the Open Door Cafe, Blair Strong, not guilty of assaulting a THP sergeant. Strong was arrested in 2012 when three troopers and an Alcoholic Beverage Commission agent made an inspection. While the ABC agent was in Strong's office looking over the books, Strong allegedly struck Sgt. Mike Brown when he closed the door. Strong testified that he shut and locked the door so he could have some privacy with the agent. He said when he realized the troopers were trying to get in, he opened the door and apologized. He said two of the troopers had a vendetta against him because they believed he sold alcohol to the underage boyfriend of one of their daughters.

### ◆ BAD WRECK IN MEIGS COUNTY

A 26-year-old male was critically injured when his pickup hit a tree on Highway 58 near the 58 Short Stop on Thursday. It took Meigs and Bradley county rescue personnel nearly 3 hours to extricate him. He was airlifted to Erlanger.  
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## Church News and Events

- Heritage Month continues at Fairview Baptist Church. Veteran missionary Jim Daley will be the speaker this Sunday at the 11 a.m. Morning Worship service. Daley and his wife, Dawn, served as missionaries in Indonesia for 41 years and helped to establish 40 churches in Jakarta and the surrounding area.



A nursery is provided and the public is invited. Fairview Baptist Church is located on Fairview Road, off E. Madison Ave. - Allen Memorial United Methodist Church will celebrate Homecoming this Sunday. Former pastor, Rev. Jeff Wright, will be the speaker at the 11 a.m. service. A covered dish lunch will be served following the service.

- A benefit auction and gospel singing will be held tomorrow at the Nonaburg House of Prayer on Highway 39 East, Englewood. All proceeds go to help pay medical expenses for Annette Roberts, a cancer patient. There will be a bean dinner at 3:30 p.m., an auction following the dinner, and a singing at 7 p.m. with the 2x2 Quartet and The Wauka Mountain Boys.

- The Sandwich Kitchen scheduled for August 16th at St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church has been postponed and will be scheduled at a later date.

## Obituaries

**Linda Odum Spain**, age 80, of Athens died Thursday at her home. She had worked at the Athens Elks Club, Springbrook Country Club, Watts Bar Resort, Athens Community Hospital, and Hardees. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Sullins Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral home is in charge.

**Dewey Odean Wilson**, age 82, of Athens died Thursday at his home. He was retired from Bowater. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Restoration Church, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m. at the church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

**Erby Roy Nankivell, Jr.**, age 95, of Ft. Myers, Florida (and a former resident of Athens) died on June 7th. He served in the Marine Corps during World War II. He later worked for Athens Plow Company and then joined his brother-in-law, Jones Beene, III, in founding Plastic Industries, where he served as vice-president. A memorial-committal service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

### COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ A reception for Amy Blackburn, out-going executive director of the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum, will be held tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 12 noon at the museum. At 1 p.m., the museum will host Richard Hardin, better known as "Owl Hoot," who will share cowboy stories for children as part of the ongoing "Heritage School" program.

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