

East Tennessee RENTAL & LEASING, LLC
 Rent or Lease: New Cars, Vans & SUV's, 15-passenger Vans & Mini-Vans for personal use, insurance replacement, or vacation trip. Located at East Tennessee Auto Outlet on Highway 30 East. Call Jarin Cass at 423-781-7154

MORNING FAX[®]

Today's News...This Morning

(Feel free to copy, post or otherwise distribute)
 (Phone: 746-1390 Fax: 744-1390 e-mail: wyxi@bellsouth.net)

Break the Cycle of Opioid Addiction with Suboxone[®]. Athens Walk-In Clinic
 (423) 745-2266

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ TWO DIE IN SEPARATE CRASHES IN McMINN

◆ Gang violence has turned El Salvador, the small central American country, into the murder capital of the world.

There were two fatal traffic accidents on opposite sides of McMinn County on Monday. The first happened around 12:30 p.m. on Highway 68 west of Sweetwater. State Trooper Kyle Millsaps' report says a Chevy Blazer driven by Gregory Branson of Powell was traveling east and attempted to pass in a no-passing zone. When he saw a pickup truck coming toward him, he swerved to the left, then rolled over and hit the oncoming truck. Branson and one of his passengers were ejected. A rear seat passenger, 13-year-old Mizzie Johnson of Niota, was killed. None of the occupants of the Blazer were wearing seat belts. The driver of the pickup truck, Bruce Layman, Jr., of Niota, was injured. He was wearing a seat belt. Charges are pending against the driver of the Blazer.

El Salvador is roughly 1,500 miles south of the United States border. The country has a murder rate 22 times that of the U.S., and gangs have active members in 46 states, according to U.S. authorities, because of a revolving door of illegal immigrants and deportation cases going back and forth across the border.

The other fatal accident happened Monday night on County Road 461. Dale Buckner was killed when his ATV turned over. However, an investigation determined that Buckner died from natural causes, and not as a result of injuries caused by the wreck.

◆ The World Health Organization (WHO) is not advising that the Olympic Games be moved from Rio De Janeiro, despite concerns about the spread of the Zika virus.

Rio De Janeiro has had high rates of Zika infection.

◆ GOVERNOR SPEAKS ON BATHROOM ISSUE

◆ London's first Muslim mayor is offering presidential candidate Donald Trump an invitation to visit the city.

Governor Haslam says the directive by the Obama administration that public schools must allow students to use restroom facilities based on what gender they *identify with* is a "heavy handed approach." Haslam says such sensitive issues should be handled by local school boards, not by the state or federal governments. Meantime, 27 Tennessee senators have signed a letter calling on the governor to file a lawsuit against Obama's order.

IT'S GRADUATION TIME!

School is out, or soon will be, in the high schools in the area. Meigs County High School held graduation exercises this past Saturday, May 14th. McMinn Central's graduation is this Friday at 7 p.m., McMinn High School's graduation is Saturday at 9:30 a.m., and Fairview Christian Academy will hold its graduation program this Friday at 7 p.m. Congratulations to all the graduates!

Great Gifts for Grads!

2410 S. Congress Pkwy. 507-9006
 athensoutdoorstore.com

Tues-Fri, 10a-6p
 Sat. 10a-3p

Starr Regional MEDICAL CENTER
 The FastER, ClosER, Better Emergency Department
 Athens • Etowah

RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT

Michael's Casual Dining - Athens & Etowah
 Wednesday: Join us in supporting the McMinn County Education Foundation **11am - 3pm**
 Etowah: (423) 263-2603 Athens: (423) 649-0000

Western Sizzlin' Steak House-1804 Decatur Pike
WEDNESDAY: (11a-4p) Petite Sirloin, \$6.69.
 Grilled Tilapia, choice of side, rolls, bakery & dessert, \$11.99.

MAY Specials» Smoked Sausage Biscuit 99¢
 12pc Box + 6 Biscuits 13.99 • 5 Meals for \$5 ea
 32 oz tea 99¢ • **IT'S BO TIME!**
BOJANGLES South Congress Parkway 744-5292

GOLF TOURNAMENT
 benefiting St. Jude Hospital
June 4 & 5
Lakehaven Golf Course
 2-man select shot
 9-hole tournament
Teams will qualify
May 23 through May 29
 Reverse Drawing will be held
 Proceeds benefit St. Jude
 For details, call 334-3654

BIG AD
 SMALL PRICE
 For Information, call 746-1390 or email: wyxi@bellsouth.net

2 DUDES BBQ
 "Our Butts R Smokin"

•ETOWAH - TODAY 10:45-1:00
 •LOUDON - THURSDAY 10:45 - 1:00
 •SWEETWATER - FRIDAY 10:45 - 1:30
 •423-829-4126

4 Years Running

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax. If you take a newsworthy photograph, send it to us at: wyxi@bellsouth.net



HEAR RUSH
Noon to 3:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday

WYXI AM-1390 ATHENS

PAGE TWO

Morning Fax®

(Feel free to copy, post or otherwise distribute)
(Phone:746-1390 Fax:744-1390 e-mail: wxyi@bellsouth.net)

FOR A FREE SUBSCRIPTION TO The Morning Fax®
CLICK ON THE FOLLOWING LINK:

wxyi.net/morningfax.htm

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

Life Coach Opens Office

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held recently for a new downtown Athens business, Stacey Melton, Certified Holistic Life Coach. Her office is located at 130 East Washington Avenue, Suite 9. Welcoming Stacey to the Athens Chamber of Commerce and to downtown Athens were: (Left to Right) Athens City Councilman Dick Pelley, Kelaiah King (Chamber Diplomat), Greg Draine (Friend), Stacey Melton (Coach and Owner), Dustin Melton (Husband), Phil Hunt (Father), Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Kim York and Lisa Harrison (Chamber Diplomats) (Photo courtesy of Athens Chamber)



Obituaries

- **Joe Ernest Hutton**, age 74, of Athens, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center. He had owned and was a co-owner of several businesses in Athens, including Cherokee Hardware, Johnson's Home Furniture, McMinn Check & Title, Athens Check & Title, Cherokee Check and Title, and Cherokee Sundry Stores of Athens and Spring City. He served on the boards of Athens Utilities Board from 1985 to 2007, CONTACT, and The McMinn Rescue Squad and was a member of the Athens Lions Club. He was also a licensed plumber and electrician. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Laycock-Hobbs.
- **James D. Buckner**, age 53, of Englewood, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.
- **Sheila Jo Honeycutt**, age 61, of Etowah, and formerly of Ringgold, Ga., died Monday at her home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at Bordwine Funeral Home.
- **George Franklin Colbaugh**, age 85, of Decatur, died last Friday at his home. A memorial service will be held Saturday at Bowers Funeral Home at 7 p.m. with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.



Michael's of Etowah will stay open late on May 20th for Central High School's Graduation



Michael's of Athens will open at 11am on May 21st for McMinn County High School Graduation!



Call Today to Book your Party!

Etowah, TN
(423)263-2603

Athens, TN
(423)649-0000

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The UT Extension Office in McMinn County will have an Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program in June. The programs will be held at the McMinn County Senior Center, the Etowah Senior Center, the Etowah Community Center, and Morning Pointe in Athens.. For dates and times, call 745-2852. The exercise programs is designed to reduce pain, increase energy, decrease depression, increase self-confidence, and decrease physician visits.

WEATHER

Wednesday - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower to mid 70's.
Wed. night - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid to upper 50's.
Thursday - Partly sunny. Highs in the mid to upper 70's.
More Weather at: www.wxyi.com

EAST TENNESSEE PROPERTIES, LLC
"Spring" into your summer home!
Affiliate Broker
Joni Powell
Cell: (423) 519-8312
Office: (423) 453-5722