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Thursday, March 9, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

Etowah Award Recipients

The annual awards were presented Tuesday night at the 55th Annual Banquet of the Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce. Cat Pate received the R. Frank McKinney Distinguished Service Award. Cat (shown to the right) works with Etowah Gentle Dental and is very involved in community activities. The Business Person of the Year award went to Etowah attorney Russ Blair (pictured below). Kay Harper (below right), a 1st grade teacher at Englewood Elementary, received the Joe Quirk Educator of the Year award. At the meeting, outgoing President Blake McCaslin handed the gavel to the new chamber president, Amanda Johnson.



National - World News

- ◆ Wikileaks released what the whistleblower group claimed were thousands of secret CIA files showing how U.S. spies hack smartphones, as well as exposing a major secret listening post in Germany. The Office of the Director of National Intelligence declined to comment, and the CIA in a statement would not say whether the files were real or not.
- ◆ At least 30 people have been killed and more than 50 others injured when ISIS gunmen dressed as medics stormed a military hospital in Kabul Wednesday morning.
- ◆ The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Nikki Haley, said the U.S. is reevaluating its approach to North Korea after the country launched five ballistic missiles earlier in the week.
- ◆ Nineteen teens were killed and about 25 more were injured in a fire at a children's care home in Guatemala. The shelter houses those up to the age of 18 who have been abused, abandoned or the victims of trafficking.
- ◆ Women across the country stayed home from work and marched in rallies on Wednesday to bolster the cause for women's rights in the workplace as part of International Women's Day.
- ◆ The National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration said that the nation went through the second warmest February on record last month, and one of the warmest winters ever.

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The History of Vinyl Records

Lovers of music recorded on vinyl were treated to a program about the history of vinyl records last Saturday during Heritage School at the Living Heritage Museum. Ron Brown discussed the history of vinyl records starting with 78 rpm records from the early 1900's up to 33 1/3 LP albums in the 1950's and 60's. He also played samples of mountain, Cajun, and rock 'n roll music. He answered questions from the audience. Vendors were on hand to sell old records.



Obituaries

♦ **Jackie J. Bookout**, age 77, died Monday at a nursing home in Johnson City following a long battle with Alzheimer's. He was raised in Etowah and retired from the U.S. Air Force after 20 years, including a tour of duty in Vietnam. He later operated Bookout & Sons Auto Body Shop in Etowah. The family will receive friends at Wesleyanna United Methodist Church on Saturday from 3 to 4 p.m.

♦ **Jack Marshall Taylor II**, age 35, of Niota, died Tuesday at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. He was a diesel mechanic at MNC Transport. Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Graysville United Methodist Church in Graysville, with visitation from 2 to 4 p.m. at Graysville United Methodist Church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The McMinn County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at the McMinn County Center for Educational Excellence, #3 South Hill Street.

✓ The McMinn Senior Center is looking for crafters and artists to set up at the Annual Spring Bazaar and Craft Show to be held on Saturday, April 8th. The Senior Center is looking for unique, locally made gifts and decorations for the show. For more information or to receive a Vendor Application and Requirement List, call the Senior Center at 745-6830.

✓ The Annual Rug Hook-In will be held this Friday and Saturday, March 10th and 11th, at the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum. Call 745-0329 to register.

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