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Monday, January 8, 2018

Athens, Tennessee

## Local & State News

### ◆ WINDER TO RUN FOR FORGETY SEAT

Athens attorney Trey Winder, III, has announced he has decided to seek the Republican nomination for State Representative of the 23rd District in McMinn County and part of Monroe County. Winder's announcement comes just a few days after Rep. John Forgety announced that he will be retiring after his current term expires at the end of this year. Winder has submitted his immediate resignation as the Athens Municipal Judge. Winder and his family are shown in the photo on the right.



### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Meigs County Health Department is offering flu vaccines at no charge to patients. Influenza activity is widespread in Tennessee, so it is extremely important for anyone over six months of age to get a flu shot. The flu vaccine is especially important for infants, young children, pregnant women, adults over age 50, and people with chronic medical conditions. Appointments for a flu shot can be made by calling 334-5185. In addition to getting a flu shot, you should wash your hands thoroughly, cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, and stay home if you are sick.
- ✓ For school closings and cancellations click [HERE](#).

## National and World News

- ◆ An Iranian tanker collided with a Chinese freighter off China's eastern coast on Saturday. At last report, the crew of 32 was missing.
- ◆ Jerry Van Dyke, the younger brother of Dick Van Dyke, has died at the age of 86. He achieved stardom as the dim-witted sidekick in the TV show "Coach."
- ◆ The Tennessee Titans beat Kansas City 22-21 on Saturday for their first playoff win in 14 years.
- ◆ Former UT head football coach Derek Dooley has been named offensive coordinator and quarterback coach at the University of Missouri. Dooley coached the Vols from 2010 to 2012. He was fired after three losing seasons and replaced by Butch Jones.
- ◆ **MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**
  - ✓ The Athens Area Council for the Arts presents *Sisters II*, featuring local sister acts this Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at The Arts Center. The performers include sisters Jennifer Nunley and Lindsey Kimball, Liz Schreck and Emily Arrington, Abriel, Angel, and Ashley Hardaway, and Sarah, Miriam, Claire, and Emily Offutt. Special guests will be Lauren Brown Shepherd and Whitney Kimball Coe, who are "sisters of the heart." Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students.
  - ✓ The guests on the weekly Athens Area Chamber of Commerce radio show, "Chamber Chat," will be Lisa Dotson of Main Street and Sarah Gordon of AirMedCare Network. Hear "Chamber Chat" at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI RADIO. Tune to AM-1390 or FM-94.5. It is also streamed [ONLINE](#).

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**WEATHER FORECAST**  
**Monday** - 50% chance of  
rain, possibly freezing rain,  
before 11 a.m. High of 42  
**Mon. night** - 40% rain, low  
of 34  
**Tuesday** - Mostly Cloudy,  
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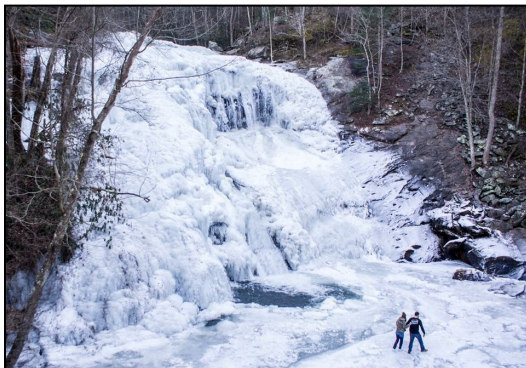
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## Obituaries

- ♦ **Jessie Russell Fennell**, age 45, of Sweetwater (and formerly of McMinn County), died last Wednesday at Sweetwater Hospital. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Arnold Shelton**, age 63, of Cleveland, died Sunday at Tenova Hospital. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Larry Hughes**, age 66, of Ten Mile, died Sunday at Sweetwater Hospital. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Ella Knox Dilbeck**, age 102, of Niota, died Sunday at NHC of Athens. Arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs.

### THOUSANDS FLOCK TO BALD RIVER FALLS

Cars by the thousands lined up to drive by the almost frozen Bald River Falls in the Cherokee National Forest this past weekend. Blake McCaslin took this photo showing a couple on the ice below the falls.



## Car Hits Tree on CR 442

The driver of a 2010 Nissan Sentra lost control early Saturday morning and ran off the road on County Road 442 at County Road 437. The car hit a power pole. The driver was transported by AMR to Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. The Englewood Rural Fire Department, the McMinn County Sheriff's Department, and State Trooper Jack Ghazi responded.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram with the Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



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