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## Today's News...This Morning

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**2018 POLAR BEAR WALK**  
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Monday, February 19, 2018

Athens, Tennessee

### Local & State News

◆ **UNCONTESTED PRIMARIES IN MOST RACES**  
The deadline for filing petitions to run in the May primary election in McMinn and Meigs counties was last Thursday. Most of the seats are uncontested in both the primary and general elections. Those include: John Gentry for McMinn County Mayor, Joe Guy for McMinn County Sheriff, Dan Evans for McMinn County Highway Commissioner, Phil Tuggle for McMinn County Trustee, Cheryl Ingram for Register of Deeds, and Rhonda Cooley for Circuit Court Clerk. Incumbent McMinn County Clerk Evonne Hayes has no opposition in the Democratic primary, but she will face opposition from Republican Melinda King in the general election. In the McMinn County Commission races, incumbent Republicans Brent Carter and Tad Simpson will have opposition from Ricky Powers in District 1. In District 2, incumbents J.W. McPhail and Jerry Millsaps face opposition in the Republican primary from Michael Bobich and Bill Crawford. DiAnn Leman is running opposed in the Democratic primary. In District 5, incumbent Republicans David Crews and Scott Curtis face opposition from Geoffery Smith.

In Meigs County, Sheriff Jackie Melton faces opposition in the Republican primary from John Wayne Irwin, Jr. Republican County Mayor Bill James has opposition from Jerry Beavers and Charles Lynn King. The Trustee race will have incumbent Republican Stacie Hyde facing opposition from Helen Aikman. In County Commission District 1, incumbent Republicans Phillip Grubb and Dewayne Murphy will be challenged by Kristy Kelly-Sewell and Dustin Lankford. The primary will be May 1st.

### National & World News

◆ President Trump is urging the FBI to "get back to the basics" after an embarrassing series of mistakes in connection with the Parkland, Florida, school massacre. Trump tweeted it is "very sad that the FBI missed all of the many signals sent out by the shooter." He said the FBI is spending too much time trying to prove Russian collusion with the Trump campaign.


◆ Just hours after announcing plans to run for the U.S. Senate seat from Utah, Republican Mitt Romney called for strengthening the FBI database for firearm background checks and enhancing school security with police patrols and intervention teams.

◆ **COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**


- ✓ The Athens Parks Department will have a new driver information meeting for this year's Soap Box Derby this evening at 6 in the courtroom at the Athens Municipal Building. All interested drivers wishing to compete should attend the meeting.
- ✓ The Etowah Senior Center offers a free acrylic painting class on the next two Tuesdays from noon to 2 p.m. Call 781-7632.
- ✓ The McMinn County Election Commission will hold its regular session on Tuesday, Feb. 20th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the McMinn County Courthouse.
- ✓ The guests on the weekly "Chamber Chat" program will be Scott Cass of East Tennessee Auto Outlet and his wife, Amy, of Starr Mountain Outfitters. The program airs Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390, FM-94.5 & [ONLINE](#)

  
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## Obituaries

- ♦ **Barbara Jean Baker Rucker**, age 78, of Athens, died Saturday at NHC of Athens. Funeral services will be 7 p.m. Monday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5-7 p.m.
- ♦ **John Nolan Seaton**, age 78, of Athens, died last Thursday at his home. He served in the U.S. Army, where he was stationed in Germany. He operated Seaton Iron and Metal for many years. Graveside services were held this past Saturday. Bordwine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Nelle Kennedy Ward**, age 105, of Sweetwater, died last Monday at Sweetwater Hospital. She had been a classroom teacher and principal in rural McMinn County Schools. Funeral services were held on Saturday at Kyker Funeral Home
- ♦ **James W. "Bo" Bohannon**, age 79, of Athens, died Friday at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home of Athens.
- ♦ **Christopher Keith West**, age 52, of Vonore, died last Wednesday at his home. At his request, there will be no formal services at this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.
- ♦ **Lula Mae Crockett**, age 99, of Etowah, died Friday at her home. She was retired from Athens Products. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Monday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from noon to 1 p.m.
- ♦ **Gary Lee Crisp**, age 50, of Sweetwater, died Friday at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home of Athens.

## More Obituaries

- ♦ **Theresa Marie Givens**, age 46, of Athens, died Saturday in a Chattanooga hospital. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home of Athens.
- ♦ **Billy D. "Jake" Carr**, age 84, of Calhoun, died Friday. He retired from Bowater after 39 years of service. He served in the Army during the Korean War and served as Mayor of Calhoun from 1975-1981. A celebration of his life will be held Monday at 7 p.m. at the Calhoun First Baptist Church, with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Companion Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Barbara Ann Jackson Whitlock**, age 77, of Athens, died Saturday at her home. She was retired from Athens Insurance. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Cedar Grove Cemetery. There will be no formal visitation. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Thomas Clayborne "Clay" Derrick**, age 53, of Athens, died Friday. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Robert Heath "Robbie" Miller**, age 27, of Athens, died Friday at Memorial Health Care in Chattanooga. Funeral services will be 8 p.m. Monday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 6-8 p.m.
- ♦ **Hazel E. (Elder) Roberts**, age 89, of Decatur, died Saturday at Life Care Center of Athens. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday at Bowers Funeral Home in Decatur, with visitation from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.



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