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Thursday, May 16, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

State & Area Mews

◆ BODY FOUND IN MEIGS COUNTY

Meigs County authorities have called in the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation after the body of a white male was found Wednesday morning on Eaves Ferry Road. A school bus driver taking students to school discovered the body. She immediately called 911. The body had apparently been tied up or bound in some manner, but no details are being released. The victim has not been identified. The TBI is working with the Decatur Police Department, the Meigs County Sheriff's Office, and the McMinn County Sheriff's Office to investigate the man's death. The children on the bus were taken on to their schools. Any child that was not comfortable in going to school Wednesday was allowed to go home and the absence was excused. Additional counselors were at the school to talk with the students about what they saw.

◆ SPLASH PAD GRAND OPENING

The grand opening of the new Splash Pad in Athens Regional Park will take place this Saturday at 12 noon. You're invited to bring your swimsuits, towels, and water shoes. A ceremony will be held at noon with fun events to follow. It is also the first stop of the Kona Ice Pie Fling Tour. "Pies at The Pad" is part of the grand opening of the new Splash Pad. Local celebrities will be raising money and getting pied. Pie fights will be going on all day. There will also be a "foam pit" to play in. You can play in the Foam Pit for \$3 per 5 minutes.

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum will have a "History for Lunch" program today from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The series is titled "Furniture Journey," and will feature Johnny McGrew. You are invited to drop by the lunch and learn at your convenience. It is free and open to the public.
- ✓ McMinn Head Start is now enrolling for three-year-olds. There are classes in Athens, Riceville, Englewood, Calhoun, Niota, and Mountain View. For information, call 745-8274.
- ✓ The Athens Travelers will hold their monthly Cruise In this Saturday at 4 p.m. at IGA behind Tennessee Valley Credit Union.

◆ WAUPACA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Waupaca recently awarded six scholarships to McMinn area high school seniors. Mike Womack sent us the photo. (Left to Right) Melia Baker (Central), Anna Brown (MCHS), Dustin Knox (MCHS), Kenley Hansen (Plant Manager), Cayla Miller (Central), Channa Chrisman (Central), Collin Robinson (MCHS).



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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

- ♦ **Anna Mae Richardson Byrum**, age 84, of Athens, died Tuesday at her home. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the service.
- ♦ **Sarah Lois Kinser Axley**, age 89, of Athens, died Tuesday at her home. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the service.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks closed higher as investors reacted to signs of easing trade tensions. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 116 points to 25,648. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 17 points to 2,851, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 88 points to 7,822.

WAYFINDER SIGN ART CONTEST

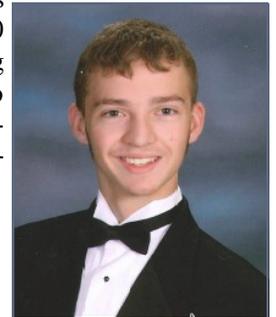
The Friends of Etowah Carnegie Library recently sponsored their 2nd annual Wayfinder Sign Art Contest for art students at Central High School. Pictured, left to right: Front row, Ashley Hoover (1st Place), Abigail Rayburn (3rd Place), Constance Osborne. Back row: Courtney Cline (Library program coordinator), Audrey Farmer (2nd Place), Gabby Castillo, Julia Nichols, Landen Frerichs, Camron Mills, Mrs. Joyce Simpson (Central Art Teacher)



DENSO AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

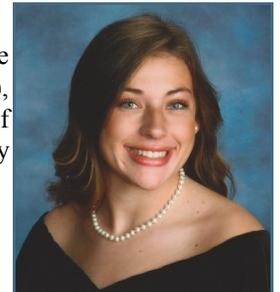
DENSO recently awarded scholarships to area students who are children, step-children, or legal dependents of DMAT associates. To be eligible, the scholarship recipients were required to have a minimum 3.0 grade-point average, be a graduating senior in 2019, and be enrolling in a two or four year accredited college or university. Winners received \$3,000 scholarships. The winners are:

Josh Crisp (Right), son of Peggy Carroll



Amy Gibson (Above), daughter of Tim Gibson

Cheyenne Duling (Right), daughter of Nicki Findley



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