Local & Area News

◆ TIGERS LOSE IN TITLE GAME
The Meigs County Tigers fell short in their attempt for the school’s first-ever state football title. Peabody won, 27-16, in the Class 2A championship game Saturday in Cookeville. Tiger senior Aaron Swafford scored two TD’s for the Tigers. The game was broadcast on WYXI Radio. State Sen. Mike Bell was in the stands and took this photo.

◆ NEWS YOU CAN USE:
✓ Bradley County fire crews responded to a small fire at the Amazon Center in Charleston Sunday morning. It took about 10 minutes to put out a fire in a cardboard compactor.
✓ Felix McCullough will present a Christmas Concert this Saturday, Dec. 14th, at 7 p.m. at Greater Mt. Pleasant Church.

Golf Course Truck Fire
Several fire departments responded to a call at Ridgewood Golf Course on County Road 603 last Friday evening. An unoccupied 2011 Ford F-350 truck was engulfed in flames with the grass burning around it as units from the Claxton, Etowah, and Englewood Rural Fire Departments arrived. Claxton Assistant Chief Mike Stewart was in charge.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)

LISTENING REMINDER: The guest on the Main Street Athens radio show, “Main Street Moments,” is Patti Greek from Greeks Bearing Gifts. You can hear the program each Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, FM 94.5 and AM 1390 or online at wyxi.com

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Obituaries

- Hazel Lee Jones Visage, age 93, of Athens, died last Thursday at NHC Healthcare of Athens. She retired from American Can after 32 years. The funeral was held Sunday at Ziegler Funeral Home. Burial will be 11 a.m. Monday in Sullins Cemetery.
- Veda Davis Miller, age 93, of Decatur, died Thursday at her home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Decatur United Methodist Church with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.
- Mary Driskell Futral, age 86, of Athens, died last Thursday at her home. She was pianist and substitute organist for 60 years at Athens First Baptist Church. She was a piano teacher for 40 years and taught algebra at McMinn County High School. The funeral was held Sunday. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home was in charge.
- Robert Lee Moon, age 99, of Cleveland (formerly of Decatur) died Friday at Bradley Healthcare and Rehab. Funeral services were held Sunday at Bowers Funeral Home.

Etowah Parade Winners

The Etowah Christmas Parade was held last Thursday night. The winners in the float-judging contest were, top to bottom:

#1 - Keller Williams Realty
#2 - Haren Construction
#3 - Covenant Pediatrics

(Photos by Durant Tullock, Executive Director of the Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce)

TODAY IN HISTORY - DECEMBER 9TH

1608 - English poet John Milton was born. He wrote "Paradise Lost," a poem based on the biblical account of the creation, the fall of Satan, and Adam and Eve.

1848 - Author Joel Chandler Harris was born in Eatonton, Georgia. He created the popular Uncle Remus stories about such characters as Brer Rabbit, Brer Fox, Brer Bear and the Tar Baby.

1907 - Christmas Seals were placed on sale in the post officers of Wilmington, Delaware, to raise money to fight tuberculosis.

1974 - White House aide John Ehrlichman testified at the Watergate Coverup Trial that President Richard Nixon was responsible for the coverup.

1957 - Singer Donny Osmond was born. He had such hit records as "Go Away Little Girl," "Puppy Love," and "A Million to One." He and his sister, Marie, also recorded together. Their hits included "I’m Leaving It All Up to You."

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