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Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ ATHENS EGG HUNT PLANS ANNOUNCED

The annual city-wide egg hunt will be held this Saturday, March 28th at 12 noon at the Athens Regional Park. Over 10,000 eggs, including one grand prize egg, will be available. The grand prize this year is an iPad mini. There will be 150 eggs that contain a \$1 gold coin and other eggs will have prizes, candy, and toys inside. The hunt is open to ages 12 and under and children will hunt together so that families can stay with each other.

◆ PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR CLEAN UP WEEK

The annual Clean Up Week in the City of Athens will be held the week of April 20-24. The Public Works Department will pick-up items you no longer want if you will put them at the curbside. They ask that brush, junk, and tires be separated into individual piles. Tires will be picked up only if the tire has been removed from the rim. They will NOT accept any roofing or siding shingles or any gas tanks from automobiles or cooking grills. They will pick-up appliances as long as the compressor and/or coolant lines have been removed.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Speaking before thousands of students packed into a sports arena at Liberty University on Monday, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz formally announced his candidacy for president of the United States.

◆ After a six-hour tug-of-war in Australian waters, a 580-pound swordfish was caught by Tasmanian fishermen. Kyle Longmore, age 16, reeled in the giant fish during the Coles Bay Classic fishing competition this past weekend. His team helped feed him while he was fighting the swordfish.

◆ A mother and her two sons were rescued by forest rangers after the family got lost in the Adirondacks on their way down from reaching the summit of Mt. Marcy, New York. The rangers all worked overnight Sunday in extreme cold and winds to locate and rescue the family.

◆ U.S. home sales were up in February by 1.2 percent showing a modest rebound after plunging in January. The National Association of Realtors predicted that home sales would continue to grow throughout the year, but they now say sales are still underperforming.

◆ An estimated 30,000 people in the U.S. die annually from a brain aneurysm rupture. The majority of time there are no symptoms, but when there are symptoms, they are "stroke-like," including severe headache, difficulty speaking, weakness, vomiting and loss of consciousness.

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Athens, Tennessee

DBA HOSTS ANNUAL MEETING

The Athens Downtown Business Association recently held their annual dinner meeting. Three new board members were elected. They are Jack Allen of Citizens National Bank, Rick Lay of Lay Realty Company, and Jason McConkey of Athens Insurance. The guest speaker was Athens Federal Community Bank CEO Jeff Cunningham, who spoke about the abundance of choices that people have today and how important it is to have them choose downtown Athens. The DBA now boasts 103 members. In the photo: (L-R) Jeff Cunningham, Secretary Laura Lenoir, Chair Brian Key, Vice-Chair Patti Greek.



Obituaries

- **Paul T. Matthews**, age 85, of Riceville, passed away Monday at his home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Spring Creek Church of Christ with visitation from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, which is in charge of arrangements.
- **Rev. Pervice Hardaway**, age 56, passed away Sunday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. Funeral arrangements will be announced by M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home.
- **Jimmy Hope Slack Brownsey**, age 92, of Athens, passed away Sunday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Cedar Grove Cemetery with visitation from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at Smith Funeral Home.
- **Lamar Essex**, age 65, of Athens passed away Saturday. A celebration of life service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Companion Funeral Home in Cleveland with visitation from 6-7 p.m. prior to the service.

North McMinn Fire and Rescue held a fundraiser last Saturday at Tractor Supply of Athens. Several of their pieces of equipment were on display as well as their fire units. An open house will be held this coming Saturday at their new fire hall. Photo by Jay Thomson.



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