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State & Local News

◆ ATHENS CHAMBER RANKS NUMBER 3

The Knoxville News Sentinel has published a list which ranks the chambers of commerce in the Knoxville area, and the Athens Chamber has moved up from #10 in 2014 to #3 this year. Rob Preston, CEO/President of the Athens Chamber says the local chamber has the lowest budget of any chamber in the top 10 and one of the lowest annual dues. The Knoxville Chamber was ranked #1 and Blount County was #2. The Athens Chamber sponsors three major events each year: the annual benefit dinner, Leadership McMinn, and the Jimmy Liner Memorial Christmas Parade. The Chamber's budget is \$240,000. There are 715 members, three employees (two fulltime and one parttime), and 20 volunteers. Preston says more than 3,000 tickets have been sold for the upcoming banquet featuring Peyton Manning. Preston says people from 116 cities in 12 states have bought tickets. Manning will be speaking at the chamber's Annual Banquet on June 27.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ This Saturday's Heritage School at the McMinn Living Heritage Museum will feature a silk painting demonstration and presentation by Joy Merkson. The program goes from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is free to Living Heritage Members. The cost for non-members is \$5.
- ✓ The Spring Fling Craft Show at the Cora Veal Senior Center in Madisonville will be this Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 to 2.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ A federal jury found the Boston Marathon bomber guilty on all 30 counts for his role in the deadly attacks during the 2013 Boston Marathon that killed three people and injured nearly 300 people.

◆ A nonprofit campaign "Women on 20s" has allowed voters to choose 15 women candidates for the \$20 bill, and now it's down to the "Final Four." The candidates are Eleanor Roosevelt, Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks and Wilma Mankiller. The campaign will attempt to get President Obama to replace Andrew Jackson with a woman in time for the women's voting rights centennial in 2020.

SAILPLANES ARE NOW IN THE AIR

The weather cleared on Wednesday, allowing 28 gliders to take to the air in the 1st Annual Pan American



Glider Championships. The sailplanes were towed into the air at the McMinn County Airport. Their course went from Athens to Fort Mountain, Georgia, then to Georgetown, TN, Benton, TN, LaFayette, Georgia, and back to Athens. The course took a little over three hours to complete. Our photographer, Jay Thomson, got this shot of one of the sailplanes being towed into the air.

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A Drone's-eye View of the Big Flag

This photo of the big American flag that flies near Interstate 75 and exit 49 was taken recently by a local video/photography company called Dronzview. The picture was taken from a drone. The owner of the company is Joseph Cullen.
(Photo courtesy of Ian Cullen)



Obituaries

- **Dorthia Mae Morgan Clayton**, age 81, of Cleveland, died Wednesday at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga. She was a former employee of Athens Table Company and retired from Dixie Industrial in Chattanooga. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5-7 p.m. Friday at Ziegler.
- **James Hugh Todd, Sr.**, age 45, of Englewood, died Monday at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga. He was employed at Langdale Forest Products. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Thursday at Bierley-Hale Funeral Home in Madisonville, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Janice Nicole "Nikki" Merriman**, age 27, of Athens, died on March 28. A memorial service will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday at Bowers Funeral Home in Decatur, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m.
- **Diana Gail Breeden Swafford**, age 64, of Athens, died Wednesday at Parkwest Medical Center. She was an employee of Textron Manufacturing for 12 years. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Saturday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 5-8.
- **Robert L. "Smokey" Davis**, age 77, of Decatur died Monday in Dayton. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Concord United Methodist Church with visitation from 6-7 p.m. at the church. Bowers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 27.09 at 17,902.51. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 4.13 at 2,080.46, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 40.59 at 4,950.82.

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