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LOCAL & STATE NEWS

◆ MANNING A BIG HIT WITH CHAMBER DINNER CROWD

The NFL's only five-time MVP, Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning, arrived here in Athens Saturday evening. Manning spoke to the largest crowd ever to attend the Athens Chamber of Commerce benefit dinner. Manning, who holds the NFL's record in touchdown passes (530) shared a message on leadership and what it takes to win in the National Football League and also in the game of life. Before the serious part, Manning told several anecdotes about the pizza and insurance TV commercials he has made. He said that a lot people like to "jingle him" including servers in restaurants and some of his team members too. After speaking

about 40 minutes, Peyton held a Q&A session with the audience. Shane Sewell, the Athens Chamber Chairman, (on the right) asked the questions. (Staff Photo)



NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ One of the nation's largest manhunts ever has come to an end. Convicted killer and escaped prisoner David Sweat was shot near the Canadian border Sunday afternoon by a New York State Police officer. Sweat is listed in critical condition. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo says "the nightmare is finally over."

◆ For more than 60 years, two stained glass windows at the Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. have displayed the image of the Confederate flag. Now, the church's dean is advocating to have the windows removed. The windows -- showing Confederate generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson -- were installed in 1953.

◆ Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee suggested Sunday that Christians opposed to the Supreme Court's ruling in favor of gay marriage will carry out civil disobedience in response to it -- and that, if elected president, he might put up a nativity on the White House lawn during Christmas.

◆ An unmanned SpaceX rocket carrying supplies to the International Space Station exploded Sunday morning shortly after lift-off. It was the third failure in recent months. The crew on the ISS still have enough supplies to last them about two more months.

◆ Huge crowds took park in New York City's Gay Pride Parade on Sunday, after the Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage. Before the parade, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, who just last week was granted powers to do so, officiated at the wedding ceremony of a same-sex couple in front of the Stonewall Inn, where years ago gay bar patrons stood up to a police raid.

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Athens, Tennessee

Watson's Bakery Ribbon Cutting

A ribbon cutting was recently held for a new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Watson's Bakery located at 204 N. Jackson Street in Athens. Joining in the celebration were front row, left to right: Cheryl Ingram (McMinn County Register of Deeds), Ashley Hall (Chamber Diplomat), Karen Raby (Chamber Diplomat), Darlene Hardy (Watson's Employee), Amanda Watson (Owner), Jeremiah Watson (Husband/Co-Owner), Dana Ferguson (Chamber Diplomat), Mady Skipper (Watson's Employee), Nicole Buckner (Family Member), Hannah Frye (Watson's Employee), Shayne Whaley (Chamber Board Member) and back row, left to right: Keith Price (McMinn County Property Assessor), Shane Sewell (Chamber Chairman), Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Dick Pelley (Athens City Councilman), James Watson (Owner's Father-In-Law), Colton Hooper (Owner's Son), Mark Cochran (McMinn County Mayor's Assistant), Elaine Newman (Downtown Business Association), Rhonda Elkins (Chamber Board Member), Richard Newman (Downtown Business Association).



Obituaries

- **Shelby Jean Lambert Dodd**, age 78, of Athens died last Thursday at U.T. Medical Center. She was a veteran of the Air Force and retired from Textron. She was also a former employee of Ingles for the last 15 years. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Ziegler Funeral Home.
- **Kenneth Wesley Greene**, age 90, of Decatur, died Friday at Starr Regional Medical Center. He was a retired business man and Tool & Die Machinist at K-25 in Oak Ridge. He was a veteran of WWII. He was the father of Athens City Schools Director Robert Greene. A graveside service will be held Monday morning at 11 a.m. in the Mountain View Memorial Gardens with military honors. Bowers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- **J.B. Cate**, age 91, of Athens, died last Friday at his home. He was a long time McMinn County Dairy Farmer and a veteran of WWII, serving in the U.S. Army. Funeral services will be Monday at 7 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Billy Kugler**, age 76, of Athens, died Saturday. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- **Karen Jones Ledford**, age 58, of Athens, died Saturday at her home. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at Ziegler.
- **George Herbert Brazier III**, age 57, of Athens, died Saturday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral & Cremation Services.
- **Timothy Paul Carter**, age 64, of Etowah, died last Wednesday. Tim and his late wife, Donna, who passed away on May 25th, had owned and operated Carter Construction Company and Carter Cleaning Company. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah.

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