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Friday, April 8, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ SMASHING A TRUCK FOR CHARITY

Delta Zeta Phi fraternity held a "Car Smash" on College Street in front of Sherman Hall on Wednesday. People paid for the opportunity to take a sledge hammer to a pickup truck donated by Haren Construction Company of Etowah. A total of \$375 was raised for the United Way's Ready to Read Program. In the photo below, Jessica Lynn takes a swing at the truck.

(Photo courtesy of Emily Gilmer)



NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Belgian prosecutors launched a fresh appeal to help find the suspected surviving attacker in last month's Brussels airport bombings, releasing a video of the escape route taken by the so-called "man in the hat." The newly released police video shows the man, wearing a dark hat and a light-colored jacket, fleeing the airport's departure hall after the bombs exploded on March 22nd.

◆ FBI Director James Comey has not decided whether to share with Apple Inc. details about how the bureau hacked into an iPhone linked to a California terrorism investigation.

REMEMBER THE APRIL 8TH TORNADO?

A tornado hit Athens on this day in 1974. The twister destroyed one house, caused heavy damage to about 20 others. In addition, 52 vehicles were damaged in the parking lots at City Park Elementary School and the Whiteway Shopping Center. The fronts of several businesses in the Whiteway Center were heavily damaged. There were no serious injuries.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Theatre Department at Tennessee Wesleyan presents the Oscar Wilde play, *The Importance of Being Ernest*, again tonight and Saturday night at 7:30, and Sunday afternoon at 2 at Townsend Auditorium. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for seniors and kids.



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Church News & Events

~ Englewood First Church of God will have a Ladies Spring Tea Saturday at 12 noon. The guest speaker will be Robin Wilhoit from Channel 10 News. Special music will be performed by Savannah Self. Tickets are \$20.00. For more information, call Frances Powers at 887-3631.

~ Glorybound Church in Madisonville will have The Ray Ball Singers in the evening service on Sunday, April 10th, at 6.

~ Pastor Larry W. Saunders and the members of Voice of Deliverance Ministry Church of God in Christ invite the public to their Friends and Family Day at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 10th. The guest speaker will be Pastor Jonathan Woods.

~ The First Annual Women's Meeting will be held next Saturday, April 16th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Parkway Baptist Church on Velma Road in Athens. The guest speaker will be Heather Eaves. There will be music by Barry Rowland and Deliverance. Lunch will follow the service. For lunch reservations, call Lindsey Snyder at 506-7259.

~ The West Family will be at Grace Baptist Church in Decatur this Sunday at 11 a.m. By the way, the driveway for the new church was poured yesterday and will be ready for Sunday's services.

(Photo by Pastor Joe Andrew)



Obituaries

• **Mae Jo Long**, age 89, of Athens, died Wednesday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. She retired from Athens Federal with 27 years of service. A funeral service will be Saturday at 7 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home.

• **Deborah "Debbie" Kay McKeehan**, age 61, of Athens, died Wednesday at her home. She was a former employee of Athens Stove Works. Graveside services will be at 12:30 p.m. Friday at Pond Hill Cemetery. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

• **Clarissa Louise Duncan Bidwell**, age 40, of Decatur, died Wednesday at Erlanger. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

• **Iva Odum Smith**, age 56, of Athens, died Tuesday at her home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Serenity Funeral Home, with visitation from 2 to 8 p.m. on Friday.

• **Mary Jane Williams**, 97, of Cleveland, died Wednesday at Signature Health Care Center of Cleveland. Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m.

• **Eula Mae "Tiny" Roberts**, 92, of Englewood, died Thursday at her home. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5-7 p.m.



ATHENIANS REMEMBER MERLE

Several listeners and readers have called us to tell about seeing the late Merle Haggard in concert. He obviously had a lot of fans in the Athens area. Bruce and Chris Hari went to a Haggard concert in Cherokee, North Carolina, in March of 2011. Here is one of the photos they took of "Hag".

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