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Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

NATIONAL & STATE NEWS

◆ CITIZENS BANK SOLD TO SIMMONS BANK

A banking company based in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, has entered into a stock purchase agreement with Citizens National Bancorp Inc., the parent company of Citizens National Bank, to acquire all of the outstanding common stock of CNB in a transaction valued at approximately \$77 million. Completion of the acquisition is expected in the fourth quarter of 2016 and is subject to closing conditions, approval by the shareholders and customary regulatory approvals. CNB is expected to continue operating as a separate bank subsidiary for an interim period until its final merger with Simmons.

◆ PROPERTY TAX CUT PASSES FIRST HURDLE

At this point, the proposal by Athens City Manager Mitch Moore to reduce the property tax rate by \$.1142 is still alive. The City Council passed the budget on first reading Tuesday night by a vote of 4 to 1. The second and final vote on the budget will take place at the June Council meeting.

◆ REP. DUNCAN DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER

Congress Jimmy Duncan has revealed that he has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Duncan says the cancer was detected during a routine physical exam. He says doctors determined that he has a very small, isolated form of prostate cancer. He says they told him that no treatment is necessary at this time. Duncan says he feels great and has not missed any work because of the cancer. He also says all of the tests have been paid for by his private insurance or out of his pocket, and no taxpayer dollars have been used.

◆ Donald Trump, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee unveiled a list of 11 potential Supreme Court justices to replace the late Justice Antonin Scalia should Trump be elected president.

◆ There's a new level of security concerns for the Democratic National Convention in light of the violence that broke out at last Saturday's state convention in Nevada. Security preparations for the Democratic National Convention have been underway for months.

◆ A select group of conservatives met Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook CEO, Wednesday afternoon at the social media company's headquarters in California. Allegations surfaced last week claiming that curators of the website's highly trafficked "news feed" had deliberately censored conservative topics because of ideological differences.

◆ All seven aircrew members are safe after a B-52 bomber crashed on the runway at an air base in Guam. The bomber was preparing to take-off when it caught on fire and the crew was able to escape the aircraft after the take-off was aborted.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce monthly Business Before Hours will be held Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Murray Willis office of Edward Jones, 10 N. White Street.

✓ The Good Faith Clinic will provide free comprehensive exams for medically uninsured residents of McMinn and Meigs counties on Wednesday, June 8th, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday, July 9th, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Clinic at 18 S. Congress Parkway in Athens. For an appointment, call 745-4541.

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WEATHER
Thursday - Partly sunny. Highs in the mid 70's.
Thurs. Night - Mostly cloudy. 50% rain & t'storms. Lows - upper 50's.
Friday - Near 100% rain & t'storms. Highs - lower to mid 70's.
Fri. Night - 80% rain. Lows in 60's.
More Weather @ www.wyxi.com

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Wreck On County Road 415

The Englewood Rural Fire Department responded to an overturned vehicle on County Road 415 just outside Englewood Tuesday night. No word on the extent of injuries.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram of the Englewood Fire Department)



Obituaries

- **James Dale Buckner**, age 53, of Englewood, died last Monday. A Memorial Service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Hunter McDonald Hicks, Jr.**, age 89, of Athens and Ten Mile, died Tuesday at Starr Regional Medical Center. He grew up in Cuba, where his father was a sugar mill executive. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and owned Hicks Tractor Company in Athens for many years. Later, he was an executive in the hosiery industry. A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Keith Memorial United Methodist Church, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Smith Funeral Home.
- **Larry D. Bryan**, age 76, of Etowah, died Wednesday at his home. He was retired from Bowater after 41 years of service. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, prior to the service.
- **Rick Burleson**, age 58, of Sweetwater, died Monday at UT Medical Center. He had worked at the White Stone Country Inn as a chef. A celebration of his life will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the White Stone Country Inn Chapel. Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.
- **James Edward "Ed" McKinney**, age 76, of Athens, died Wednesday at Starr Regional Medical Center. He was associated with Heil Company for 20 years as a welder. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.
- **Lois Beatrice Newman**, age 94, of Etowah, died Tuesday at McMinn Memorial Nursing Home. A memorial service will be at 4 p.m., Saturday at Mars Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- **Mazzie Marie Johnson**, age 13, of Niota, died Monday. She was a student at Niota Elementary School. A funeral service will be Thursday at 8 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs.

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