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Tuesday, May 2, 2017

STATE & LOCAL NEWS

NO STRAWBERRIES AT TIDWELLS!

It's strawberry time, but not at Tidwells in Rhea County. Tidwells has decided to take a year off and will not be selling strawberries this year. They've been selling berries for 33 years, and said they needed some time off. They'll decide this summer whether to sell strawberries next year. But, you can still get strawberries at the Mennonite farm produce stores in Delano, Englewood, and Tellico Plains. They say they expect to have berries for about four more weeks, but this week will be their biggest week. By the way, the Strawberry Festival in Dayton will go on as scheduled. They say there are plenty of strawberries available from other sources.

SIGN UP NOW FOR FREE PHYSICALS

The Good Faith Clinic, in partnership with the medical school at East Tennessee State University, has set May 10th as the date for its Annual Free Comprehensive Physical Exams for eligible medically uninsured people in McMinn and Meigs counties. It will be held at the Clinic, adjacent to Christ Community Church on Congress Parkway, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. In addition to physical exams, services include lab work, and pap smears and mammogram appointments for women. Exams are by appointment only. Current patients can sign up at the clinic today, May 2nd. Others may call (423) 745-4541, and leave their name and number on the answering machine. The call will be returned to arrange an appointment.

National & World News

◆ After a fatal house fire sparked by an exploding hoverboard, the government issued an "urgent warning" advising consumers to immediately stop riding or charging LayZ Board hoverboards. These products were not among the 500,000 hoverboards recalled last July.

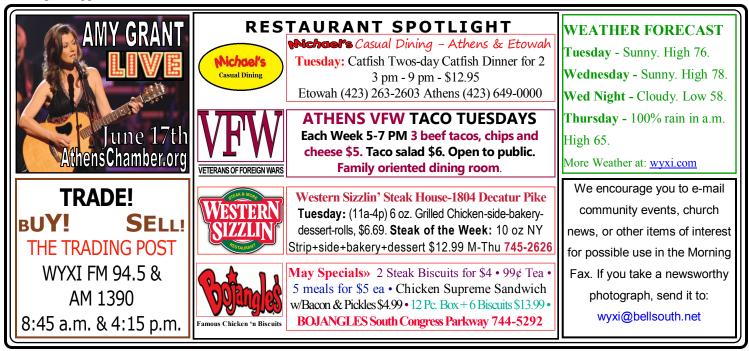
• Eight graduate student teachers at Yale University have been on hunger strike since last Tuesday in an effort to push forward a collective bargaining agreement with the university.

◆ President Donald Trump said he "would be honored to" meet with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un amid rising tensions between the countries. Trump said that he would meet with Kim "under the right circumstances."

♦ A hacker or hacker group claims to have stolen and released online most of the new season of Netflix's Orange Is the New Black after it claims the streaming company did not pay its ransom demand.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Mary Brown with the Athens Lions Club will be the guest on "Chamber Chat," the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce weekly radio show, which will be broadcast today, May 2nd, at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, FM 94.5, AM 1390 & wyxi.com. Ms. Brown will talk about the upcoming MooRun/Wetlands/MooFest Festival and about this summer's Remote Area Medical Clinic.



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Hunting for Painted Rocks

Now that the Easter Egg hunts are over for another year, folks in several cities--including Daytona Beach, Florida, Savannah, Georgia, and Athens--are now spending their spare time hunting for rocks. These are not just any old rocks. They're rocks that have been painted with colorful designs. Rocks have been hidden in Athens at Veterans Park, Athens Regional Park, the TWC tennis courts, and the Wetlands next to E.G. Fisher Library. If you are lucky enough to stumble upon a painted rock, you can keep it or re-hide it for someone else to find. You can also paint vour own rocks and hide them. The photos below show Rose Parker of Athens hiding her rocks, and some of the rocks that have been hidden around

the city.



Obituaries

• Pauline Jeanette Stephens Brown, age 78, of Niota, died Sunday at Starr Regional Medical Center. She retired from Plastic Industries after 30 years of service. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Niota United Methodist Church, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks closed mostly higher as investors digest a series of tepid U.S. economic reports. U.S. factory activity slowed in April, while consumer spending was unchanged in March. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 27.05 at 20,913.46. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 4.13 at 2,388.33, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 44.00 at 6,091.60.

In Commodity Markets, the spot price of gold fell \$11.21 to \$1,257.08. The spot price of silver fell \$0.29 to \$16.91, and crude oil prices fell \$0.59 to \$48.74.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE: ✓ The PTSD Support Group meets tonight from 6:30 to 8:30 at

Athens Lutheran Church. For information call 744-1605. ✓ The Athens City Council will conduct a budget workshop this

Thursday starting at 4 p.m. in the Athens Municipal Building Conference Room. The public is invited to attend.

