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## Local & Area News

## Downtown "Penthouse"

### ◆ AUB RELEASES ANNUAL WATER REPORT

The Athens Utilities Board has completed its annual Water Quality Report. The report includes information on the origin and treatment of AUB water. For the year 2018, AUB water quality exceeded all state and federal water quality standards. AUB-supplied drinking water comes from Ingleside Spring and from wells that tap an underground aquifer that parallels Oostanaula Creek in Athens. Water from those sources is treated at AUB's filter plant. A third water source is the Hiwassee Utility Commission, which supplements AUB's water supply with treated surface water from the Hiwassee River. The report is available on AUB's website and at the AUB main office on New Englewood Road.

### ◆ MORE HANDGUN LEGISLATION

What do you do if you're legally allowed to carry a handgun and you accidentally walk into a business where a "no firearms" sign is posted? Under Tennessee law, you've just committed a misdemeanor. State Rep. Clark Boyd says you should not be punished for an accident. He has introduced a bill that would grant mercy to someone who ignores posted "no firearms" signs at businesses, but did not mean to. He cited a situation when a person carrying a handgun might have to chase after their child who has run into the store. He says the moment you step through the door, you've committed a crime. Opponents of the bill say it would give an excuse for handgun carry permit holders to ignore the law.

If you've been in Downtown Athens in recent weeks, you've no doubt wondered about that "penthouse-like" structure being built on top of one of the old two-story buildings on North White Street across from the Courthouse. Joseph Gordon and his wife, Kelley, have bought the building and are in the process of remodeling it. They decided to build an apartment to live in on top of the building, along with two other apartments they can rent. Their plans also call for offices and retail space in the building which dates back to the late 1800's. They are also planning to redo the façade of



the building to recreate its original appearance. The Gordons are pictured at left during a recent appearance on WYXI Radio. Elaine Newman took the photo showing the "penthouse" apartment still under construction. Joseph says he hopes to have the top apartment finished in about six months.

### Hear

### Dave Ramsey



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Thursday Night - Partly cloudy. Low 44.

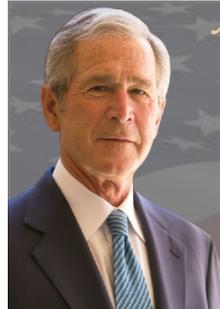
Friday - Periods of clouds & sunshine. High 70.

Friday Night - Cloudy. Low 52.

More Weather at: [wysi.com](http://wysi.com)

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## Obituaries

♦ **William Madison Dender, Jr.**, age 62, of Ten Mile, died Sunday at his home. He was born and raised in McMinn County, and was the oldest son of the late Judge William M. Dender, Sr., and the late Nancy Cantrell Dender. He had a 35-year career in the nuclear power industry. There will be a private celebration of life for Will's family and friends this weekend. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge.

♦ **Laura Womac Yates**, age 78, of Riceville, died Tuesday at her home. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

### COCHRAN PASSES FIRST BILL

State Representative Mark Cochran of Englewood has officially passed his first bill as a member of the Tennessee General Assembly. House Bill 362 requires, upon passage of an annexation resolution or de-annexation ordinance, a municipality to provide documentation to the Comptroller of the Treasury and county officials. Rep. Cochran says the legislation will ensure our state and county governments have the most accurate information related to their municipalities and will improve communication between all forms of government.

## Community News You Can Use

✓ The movie "Unplanned: The Abby Johnson Story" will be shown at the Athens Movie Palace tonight at 6:30. Tickets are being sold by Full Circle Medical Center for Women for a \$9 donation. The movie tells the story of Johnson, who worked for Planned Parenthood until she saw firsthand what really happens when an abortion is performed. The movie is rated "R" due to four graphic scenes that portray what happens when an abortion is performed on an unborn baby.

✓ The USDA Forest Service will be conducting controlled burns in various locations of the Cherokee National Forest through the end of the month, weather permitting. Smoke may be visible in surrounding areas.

✓ The UT Extension Office in McMinn County and Starr Regional Medical Center Diabetes Center will be offering Dining with Diabetes classes on Tuesday April 2, 9, 16, and 23rd from 10 a.m. to noon or from 6 to 8 p.m. The classes will be at the UT Extension Office, 107 W. College Street, Athens. They are free, but the class size is limited to 15. To register, call 745-2852.

✓ McMinn County Trustee Phil Tuggle reminds taxpayers that all unpaid 2017 real and personal property taxes will be turned over to Chancery Court, as required by law, at the close of business this Friday, March 29th. That will result in additional cost to the taxpayer. If you have any questions regarding 2017 taxes, you can call the Trustee's office at 745-1291.



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