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Athens, Tennessee

DFA To Buy Dean Foods

DFA (Dairy Farmers of America) has reached an agreement with Dean Foods to acquire 44 of the processor's facilities and associated direct store delivery systems. Dean Foods is the parent company of Athens-based Mayfield Dairy. DFA and Dean Foods have been trying to reach an agreement since Dean Foods filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. The proposed deal is awaiting approval from the bankruptcy court and the U.S. Department of Justice. Dairy Farmers of America has agreed to pay \$425 million and assume various liabilities for the assets.

LAST CALL FOR LOOSE LEAF PICKUP

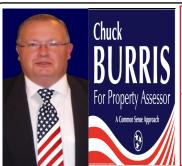
The City of Athens Public Works Department announces Leaf Vacuum Season last call for loose leaf pickup. The last day of pickup will be Friday, February 28th. Anyone placing leaves to the road side for pickup after that date will be required to bag the leaves in order for them to be picked up.

MONEY FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

State Senator Mike Bell of Riceville is urging all local volunteer fire departments to apply for grants through a new Volunteer Fire-fighter Equipment and Training Grant Program. The program was established through legislation sponsored by Bell which passed the General Assembly. The application deadline is March 27th. The program earmarks money for the purchase of equipment used by a firefighter to extinguish fires and protect the life of a firefighter.

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ Athens City Manager C. Seth Sumner will deliver his 3rd annual "State of the City" address tomorrow (Thursday) morning at 7 a.m. at the regular meeting of the Athens Optimist Club in the TWU Glen Lowe Dining Room. Everyone is invited, and breakfast is available
- ✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly "Business Before Hours" gathering this Thursday, Feb. 20th, at 8 a.m. at Long Chevrolet Buick GMC, 1900 S. Congress Parkway.
- ✓ The McMinn County High School Band will hold its annual Mattress Fundraiser this Saturday, February 22nd, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the High School cafeteria. Name brand mattresses with factory warranties will be sold. You can save up to 50% off retail prices on certain brands. Delivery is available. Proceeds from the Mattress Sale will help the band take a trip to Washington, D.C., this spring. The trip will cost \$50,000.
- ✓ The guest on "Hope from the Well" this week is Brittany Randolph, a student at Women at the Well. "Hope from the Well" is presented by Women at the Well each Thursday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, FM 94.5 and AM-1390 and ONLINE
- ✓ The next meeting of Worldwide Wesleyan will be Thursday at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary of Trinity UMC. The purpose of the group is to connect international and domestic students on campus and within the Athens community. Yumi Shimada will be the speaker. He is coordinator of the Japanese Outreach Initiative at UTC.



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TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT

U.S. stocks ended the day mixed. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 166 points or 0.6% to 29,232. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 10 points or 0.3% to 3,370, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 2 points to 9,733.



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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

- **Donald Kettenbeil,** age 90, of Athens, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.
- Gaynelle "Nell" Clayton, age 75, of Athens, died last Friday at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga after a lengthy illness. She retired from Walmart after working at Grace Peek Florist for many years. A celebration of life service is planned for Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the McMinn County Senior Citizens Center. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.
- Garrett Evan Grizzle, age 25, of Clinton, and a lifelong resident of McMinn County, died Saturday at UT Medical Center. He was a graduate of McMinn County High School, where he was a member of the Gospel Choir and played football and soccer. He also graduated from the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement School in Bell Buckle. His mother is Melissa Sliger-Sutherland of Athens. A celebration of life service will be held later. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.
- Jesse Hamilton (Jess) Guinn, Jr., age 85, of Delano, died Monday. He was involved in constructing large tunnels for underground utilities and later worked for Athens Utilities Board. A celebration of life will be held later. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.
- Martha Gale Hicks Moses, age 73, of Athens, died Monday. She was a former employee of Morgan's Manufacturing of Etowah and Athens Manufacturing of Athens. Funeral services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Athens Free Saints True Holiness Church located at 241 CR 442 (Slack Road) in Athens with visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. at the church on Thursday. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
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 Robert Harrison "Harry" Roy, Jr., age 72, of Athens, died Sunday at his residence. He was employed by Denso Manufacturing before retiring. He served in the U.S. Navy for 25 years as an Aviation Boatswain Mate achieving the rank of Chief Petty Officer. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral Home.

More United Way Winners

The Community of the Spirit Awards were presented at last week's annual United Way meeting. The awards went to DENSO, Jill Pierce, and the McMinn County Schools. The photo below shows DENSO employees accepting their award.

(Photo by Paige Zabo, United Way)



TODAY IN HISTORY - FEBRUARY 19th

- **1878 -** Thomas Edison received a patent for his phonograph invention.
- **1881 -** Kansas became the first state to prohibit all alcoholic beverages.
- **1942-** President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order giving the military the authority to relocate and intern Japanese-Americans.
- **1945** Some 30,000 U.S. Marines landed on Iwo Jima and began a month-long battle to seize control of the island from Japanese forces during World War II.
- **1997 -** Deng Xiaoping, the last of China's major Communist revolutionaries, died in Beijing at age 92.
- **2004 -** Former Enron Corp. chief executive Jeffrey Skilling was charged with fraud, insider trading and other crimes in connection with the energy trader's collapse.
- **2010-** The FBI concluded that Army scientist Bruce Ivins acted alone in the 2001 anthrax mailings that killed five people, and formally closed the case.

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