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**Uptight Hippie**  
Prom Dress Consignment Sale - March 7th  
Now accepting gently used dresses  
Consignment fee-\$5 per person & 15% of sale.  
Drop dresses off at the Uptight Hippie Trunk Show, Feb. 28th at 113 Park Street, Athens or by appointment by contacting 423-920-0241.

Thursday, February 26, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

### State & Local News

#### ◆ ICE, SNOW, AND EARTHQUAKES?

On top of the ice and snow we've had in East Tennessee in the past nine days, now we've had an earthquake!! A small earthquake took place early Wednesday morning along a fault line in the Great Smoky Mountains. The quake measured 2.1 and was centered in the area between park headquarters and Clingman's Dome.

#### ◆ SNOW CLOSINGS & CANCELLATIONS

The snow that started falling in the Athens area late Wednesday has caused a host of closings and cancellations.

#### School Closings:

McMinn County  
Athens City  
Etowah City  
Meigs County  
Fairview Christian Academy  
Christ's Legacy Academy

#### Other Closings:

- The Health Fair at the McMinn Senior Activity Center for Thursday has been postponed until March 12.  
- Storm Power Components in Decatur will start two hours late on Thursday. Production workers should report at 8 a.m.  
-Crescent Sock Company: first shift should report at 9 a.m. Thursday.  
-The Athens-McMinn YMCA will open at 8 a.m. Thursday.  
-Denso in Athens, the first shift should report at 11 a.m. Thursday.  
Click and Bookmark this link for any updates:  
<http://www.wysi.net/cancellations&closings.htm>

### NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ The FBI says that three New York City men have been arrested on charges they allegedly conspired to join ISIS in Syria, while also trying to carry out attacks for the terror group inside the United States.

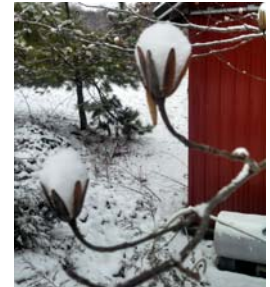
◆ Paris officials are investigating a rash of mysterious drones that have appeared over the city's landmarks, including the U.S. Embassy, Eiffel Tower and The Bastille.

◆ Volunteer Energy Cooperative continues to make steady progress in restoring power to the thousands of customers still without electricity in Cumberland and surrounding counties. As of Wednesday afternoon, power was still offline to 14,700 customers in Cumberland County. It will take several more days to restore all the power.

◆ An empty Nutella jar filled with rubber bands caused a house fire in London that killed a family pet. The jar was on a window sill and refracted rays from the sun caused the rubber bands to ignite.

#### ARE THEY SNOW BLOOMS?

The photo on the right shows last years bloom pods on a poplar tree filled with snow. The location is on County Road 571 at the home of John and Judy Offutt. (Photo submitted to the MORNING FAX™)



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**RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT**

**Western Sizzlin' Steak House-1804 Decatur Pike**  
Thursday (All Day): 8 oz. Sizzlin' Top Sirloin with choice of Side and Salad Bar, \$10.99. Steak of the Week: 12 oz Large Top Sirloin + side, dessert, & rolls, \$10.49.

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### Do You Know the Owner??

The photo below shows a male pony that was dropped-off at a home near County Road 319 near Niota on Wednesday and abandoned. If you recognize the pony and can provide some information about his owner please call 423-829-9995. All calls will remain confidential.

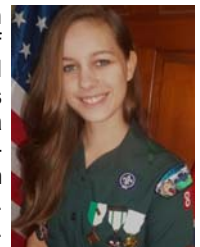


### Obituaries

- **Phillip Harold Anders**, age 75, of Athens, died Tuesday at Life Care Center of Athens. He worked in the nuclear power field, retiring from ESABCO Systems. He spent 8 years in the Navy. A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Monday at Athens Christian Church, with visitation from 3 to 4 p.m. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.
- **Jewell Humberd Sterchi**, age 90, of Athens, died Feb. 19. She was the organist at Keith Memorial United Methodist Church for 52 years. She was the widow of Gordon Sterchi, former pastor at Keith Church. A memorial recital will be given at Keith Methodist on March 14 at 11 a.m., with the family to receive friends in the fellowship hall after the recital.
- **Mary Ann Cox Bradley**, age 84, of Athens, died Monday at her home. She was retired from Athens Furniture with 20 years of service. Funeral services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs.

### HANNAH BARE WINS SILVER AWARD

The Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout Banquet had an unusual honoree this year. Hannah Bare, the recipient of the rarely bestowed Venturing Silver Award, was included with this year's top scouts. The Venturing Silver Award has been presented only two times in the history of the Unaka District. Miss Bare is the only young woman to be so honored. Recipients are recognized for accomplishment in such areas as outdoor skills, leadership, and volunteerism. Venturing is a co-ed program of the Boy Scouts of America.



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### A "Grown-Up" Spelling Bee

Come and "sit for a spell" and enjoy this hilariously unique, highly educational and entertaining event! Teams of 3 adults dressed in style compete for the Grand Championship Trophy.

**March 6, 2015 @ 7PM**

McMinn Co. High School Auditorium

**Admission \$5 per person or \$20 for Family**  
(Adults with children 12 & under)

Tickets will be available at the door.

Moderator **Darrell Patterson**, former Channel 9 Sports Commentator

**DOOR PRIZES**

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