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Today's News...This Morning

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Annual Luncheon
Pilot Club of Athens
Fashion Show
Sat., March 19th at Noon
McMinn Co. Senior Center
Tickets are available from any member or call 423-368-1704 or 423-920-1001

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ FEBRUARY POLICE & FIRE REPORTS

At its monthly meeting Tuesday evening, the Athens City Council received reports from the Police and Fire Departments on activity for February.

Police Chief Chuck Ziegler reported there were 61 thefts, nine assaults, six motor vehicle thefts, one robbery, and one sex offense in February. Police officers issued 488 citations for moving violations. There were 68 vehicle accidents, with 8 injuries.

Fire Chief Jim Dyer's report said firefighters responded to 33 calls in February. One was to a vehicle fire and there were 13 false alarms. Losses totaled just \$500 for the month.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The American Cancer Society will hold a fishing tournament this Saturday at the Highway 58 Boat Dock in Meigs County. Registration begins at 5:30 a.m. The entry fee is \$100. For more information, call Steve Bishop at 453-1020 or Jeff Womac at 368-4098.
- ✓ The E.G. Fisher Public Library will hold a Beginner's Photoshop Class this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 11 noon. The class is free, but registration is required. Call 745-7782 for info.
- ✓ The McMinn Senior Activity Center will be hosting the 7th annual Spring Bazaar and Craft Show on Saturday, April 2nd, and there is still time to become a vendor. If you are interested in being a vendor, call 745-6830. There is a \$30 vendor fee plus a donation for door prizes, and all vendors receive one table. Proceeds go to help with costs at the Senior Center.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ President Obama has nominated Merrick Garland, the chief judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, as late Justice Antonin Scalia's successor.

◆ A bipartisan group of lawmakers is looking to draw attention to legislation that would allow for WASPs (Women Airforce Service Pilots) to be interred at Arlington. The women pilots have never been awarded full Army status and therefore cannot be buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

◆ President Obama levied sanctions against North Korea on Wednesday in response to the reclusive country's recent "illicit" nuclear and ballistic missile tests.

◆ Fox News announced that the U.S. Republican presidential debate scheduled for next week in Utah has been canceled, after party front-runner Donald Trump told the network he would not participate.

◆ After a humbling loss in his home state to Donald Trump. Republican presidential candidate Marco Rubio dropped out of the race for president, ending his White House bid.

◆ Hillary Clinton's victories in Tuesday's primaries, put her firmly on course to defeat her primary rival, Senator Bernie Sanders of Vermont.



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WEATHER

Thursday - Sunny. Highs in the upper 60's to lower 70's.
Thurs. Night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40's.
Friday - Sunny. Highs in the mid 60's.
Friday Night - Partly cloudy. 20% rain. Lows around 40.
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Athens, Tennessee

Grab Your Easter Egg Basket

Easter Egg hunts in the Athens area get under way this Saturday. Here's the schedule:

Athens: The annual Egg Hunt will be at 12 noon this Saturday in the Athens Regional Park.

Niota: The City of Niota will hold its Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Kenneth Gable Memorial Park behind the Niota Depot.

McMinn County Airport: The Community Easter Candy Drop will take place on Saturday, March 26th, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Candy Drop is for children ages 3-11. You must register in advance at: www.trinityumcathens.com

Etowah: The annual Etowah Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce will be held on Saturday, March 26th, at 11 a.m. at the L&N Depot. Over 4,000 eggs will cover the lawn. The hunt is for children ages 2-10. Registration for the hunt begins at 10 a.m. Bring your camera and have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny.



Obituaries

• **Mildred Bernice Sneed Morgan**, age 68, of Athens, died Tuesday at her home. She was a retired nurse with 36 years of service working at Epperson Hospital and at Woods Memorial Hospital. A Graveside Service will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at McMinn Memory Gardens. There will be no formal visitation. Ziegler is in charge.

• **Billy Ross Bledsoe**, age 77, of Cleveland, and formerly of Athens, died Monday at his home. He retired from Jackson Manufacturing and opened Bledsoe's Upholstery. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday at 6 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home with visitation from 4 to 6 p.m.

OPTIMIST CLUB ORATORICAL WINNERS

The Optimist Club of Athens recently held its annual Oratorical Contest. Eleven contestants took part. The photo below shows the 5th Grade and under winners, Cole Prior and Maddi Burke. The Athens winners receive \$500 scholarships. Winners advance to the Georgia/Tennessee District Contest, where the winners will receive \$2500 scholarships.

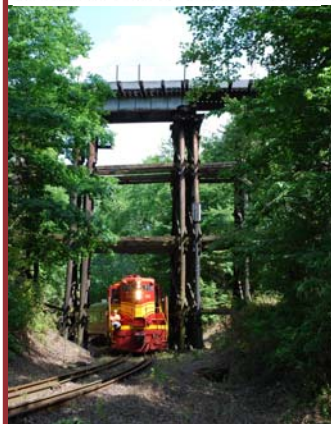
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