



Athens, Tennessee

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State & Local News

◆ \$2500 REWARD OFFERED IN EAGLE DEATHS

A \$2500 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the person or persons responsible for the shooting deaths of two bald eagles in Meigs and Rhea counties a week ago. The first injured eagle was reported in Meigs County near Highways 68 and 58 on Jan. 30th. The second was found on the side of Abby Lane in Rhea County on Feb. 1st. Both eagles had been shot with a shotgun. Veterinarians at UT (shown below) tried to save them, but the eagles had to be euthanized. (Photo submitted by UT)



National - World News

◆ Despite an all-night floor session by democrats to make their case against President Trump's nominee for Secretary of Education, Michigan education activist Betsy DeVos was confirmed by the senate in a 50-50 tie. Vice President Mike Pence cast the history making tie-breaking vote.

◆ In his first appearance before Congress as Secretary of Homeland Security, John Kelly called President Trump's executive order on immigration "lawful and constitutional."

◆ The Army Corps of Engineers told Congress it intends to grant an easement to allow for the completion of the controversial Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL).

• At least 23 U.S. states are under winter weather alerts and a tornado watch has been issued for parts of the southeast as most of the country braces for severe weather this week.

♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ The United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties will have its Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon on Thursday, February 16th, at 12 noon at the McMinn Senior Center in Athens. The guest speaker will be Matt Ryerson, President & CEO of the United Way of the Ocoee Region and President of United Ways of Tennessee.

✓ The McMinn County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly session this Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the McMinn County Center for Educational Excellence at 3 South Hill Street. The public is invited to attend.



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Willy Wonka Opens Feb. 16th

Athens Community Theatre presents its winter musical production of Roald Dahl's *Willy Wonka* Feb. 16th through 26th at The Arts Center. The production is directed by Melonie Carideo. The cast includes Dave Siklosi as Willy Wonka, G. David Brown as the Candy Man, Jedi Gabel as Phineous Trout, Julie Offutt as Mrs. Buckett, Art Kimball as Grandpa Joe, and Camden Parr will be introduced as Charlie Buckett. The score is played by a live orchestra led by Ellen Kimball. Performances are Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, and 25 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 19 and 26, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. The photo below shows the cast.





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Obituaries

• Thelma Malone German, age 88, of Catawba, NC and formerly of Athens, died Tuesday at Presbyterian Hospital in Huntersville, NC. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

• Helen Dunn Kirk, age 94, of Athens, died Tuesday at her home. She was a graduate of Knoxville Business College and had been associated with several banking institutions, retiring from Citizens National Bank. A Memorial Service will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church of Athens with visitation following the service at the church. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks finished higher as investors focused on a slew of corporate earnings reports. Fourth-quarter earnings have mostly exceeded expectations, with more than 65 percent of firms reporting better than expected earnings.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 37.87 at 20,090.29. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 0.52 at 2,293.08, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 10.67 at 5,674.22. Commodity markets: The spot price of gold fell \$2.33 to \$1,233.08. The spot price of silver fell \$0.03 to \$17.71, and crude oil prices fell \$0.77 to \$52.24.

