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Athens, Tennessee

Friday, March 24, 2017

STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ CLEAN UP WEEK IS NEARLY HERE

Once again it's time for the annual Clean Up Week in the City of Athens. This year's Clean Up Week is scheduled for the week of April 17th-21st. That week, the Public Works Department will pick up the items you place at the curbside. Items that will be picked up include furniture, yard sale junk, brush, appliances, tires, and limited building materials. Tires must be separated from the rims. Compressor and coolant lines must be removed from appliances. Shingle-type roofing or siding will not be picked up. Gas tanks from automobiles or cooking grills will not be picked up. You are asked to separate metal items from non-metal items. Do not place piles of building materials larger than one pickup truck load. Brush, junk, and tires should be placed in separate piles. The Public Works Department reminds you that good, usable clothes, furniture, appliances, and house wares can be donated to Coordinated Charities on Rocky Mount Road, The Better Living Center on New Englewood Road, and Goodwill Industries in Belk's Plaza. Good, usable infant clothes up to size 2T and new baby supplies may be donated and taken to Outlook Women's Services (Formerly Full Circle Women's Services), 201 N. Hill Street.

National & World News

◆ A Jewish man who is a dual Israeli-American citizen has been arrested in Israel in connection with a series of bomb threats made against Jewish community centers and Jewish schools in the United States and other countries.

◆ Chairman Devin Nunes, R-Calif., briefed the White House and held a press conference Wednesday stating that the intelligence community "incidentally collected" surveillance of Trump's transition team, and possibly the president himself. Nunes apologized to the full House Intelligence Committee Thursday for failing to inform the committee's Democratic ranking member of his findings before holding the press conference.

◆ The man that police believe is responsible for Wednesday's terrorist attack at London's Westminster Bridge has been identified as U.K. native Khalid Masood. Masood, 52, was known to authorities and has a range of previous convictions for assaults.
◆ The planned House vote on the Republican-backed American Health Care Act that was scheduled for Thursday night was postponed as the party struggled to collect the votes needed to ensure its passage. The White House said it is "confident" the bill will pass Friday.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks edged lower on what was a volatile trading day as investors digested the health care vote being delayed until Friday morning. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 4.72 at 20,656.58. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 2.49 at 2,345.96, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 3.95 at 5,817.69.



You are invited to "Network Eastanallee" Our own "Business Expo" Saturday, April 1, 2017 from 10 am to 2 pm at Eastanallee Baptist Church 462 County Road 25 – Riceville, TN ebctn.org • 423–462–2620

Our members will showcase the business and products they offer our community. There will be NO sales, only samples and information! Event is FREE. We hope to see you there!

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Church News and Events

✓ The Athens Christian Church will have its Annual Ladies Brunch on Saturday, March 25th, starting at 11 a.m. at the church, 802 South Matlock Avenue. Everyone is welcome to attend.

✓ First Baptist Church in Decatur will have a spaghetti dinner and silent auction from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday to benefit Jason and Aimee Harmon as they adopt a child from China. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under.
 ✓ Nonaburg House of Prayer will have its Monthly Singing

Night on March 25th at 7 p.m., with music by the Schofields. ✓ The Lane Chapel Church will celebrate Choir Day on March 26th at 3 p.m.

✓ Voice of Deliverance Ministry invites you to their Friends and Family Day to be held on Sunday, March 26th, at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Dinner will be served from 1 to 3:30.

The church is located at 520 Old Riceville Road, Athens.

✓ Allen Memorial United Methodist Church will have a Prayer and Healing Service next Wednesday, March 29th, from 6:30 to 7 p.m. The community is invited.

✓ St. Mark AME Zion Church will celebrate Annual Usher Day on April 9th at 3:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Tickets are still available for singer Amy Grant's appearance at the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce 11th Annual Benefit Dinner to be held on June 17th. For tickets, call 745-0334.

Tennessee News

◆ The Tennessee Senate has passed a bill that would punish protesters who block traffic and obstruct emergency vehicles from responding to an emergency. Under the bill, protesters who block emergency responders would be charged with a misdemeanor and fined \$200. The measure was sponsored by Senator Mike Bell of Riceville. The senate passed the bill on a vote of 28-2.

◆ The House has passed a bill that would block any efforts by Tennessee cities to decriminalize the use of marijuana. The bill would nullify laws that Memphis and Nashville have passed that have reduced the penalty for weed in some cases. The bill was sponsored by Representative William Lamberth, a republican from Cottontown. It passed over the objections of lawmakers in Memphis and Nashville who thought the state should stop interfering with their cities. Republican House Speaker Beth Harwell, of Nashville, voted against the measure.

♦ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Heritage School presents "A Day of Music at the Museum" from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the McMinn Living Heritage Museum. At 11 a.m., there will be "Appalachian Folk Music & Storytelling" by Jim Brooks. At 12:30 p.m. "Brothers in Song" will present Southern Gospel music. At 1:30 p.m., it will be "Old Traditional Bluegrass" by Doug Purdy & Friends. At 2:30 p.m., the "Old Harp Shape Note Singers" will perform.

