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Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ ATHENS EASTER HUNT IS THIS SATURDAY

The annual city-wide Easter Egg Hunt will be held this Saturday at the Athens Regional Park. The Athens Parks and Recreation Department says more than 10,000 eggs will be placed in the front of the park, beginning behind the red brick house. The hunt starts at 12 noon. Everyone must begin the hunt from a concrete walk as directed by the marshals. The hunt is for children ages 12 and under. The prizes this year include flat screen televisions from Comcast, baskets from The Sock Shop, Athens Movie Palace, the Kiwanis Club, and Athens Tiger Rock. There will be coupons from Applebee's, Michael's, Domino's, Dunkin' Donuts, and The Dairy Barn, and \$1 gold coins from Steve Songer, State Farm Insurance agent.

◆ MORE DISCOLORED WATER

Athens Utilities Board received several calls from customers reporting discolored water Tuesday night. Crews responded to all calls and the water was cleared up by running the faucet for a short period of time. AUB's Wayne Scarbrough says they believe the discoloration is the result of increased flow and pressure on the Hiwassee Utilities Commission water transmission line that brings treated water to Athens and points beyond. He says AUB is currently purchasing all of its water from HUC this week while final work is underway at AUB's water filter plant on Old Niota Road where upgrades have been under way. He says if you experience discolored water, simply run the faucet for a short time and it should clear right up.

National & World News

◆ A suspect is in custody in Atlanta after a gunman, in what police call a "targeted" killing, murdered an attorney in broad daylight. The shooting happened during rush hour Monday morning in Midtown Atlanta, when a man ran up to a woman shooting her multiple times at an intersection

◆ Ifeoma White-Thorpe, a 17 year-old senior from Morris Hills High School in New Jersey, has been granted admission to all eight Ivy League schools, the most prestigious colleges in the United States. She was also accepted to Stanford University. She wants to study biology and hopes to become a cardiologist.

SENATE PASSES BELL'S BROADBAND BILL

The Tennessee Senate has passed a bill that could make it easier for rural areas to get access to the Internet. The bill is co-sponsored by Sen. Mike Bell of Riceville. It clears the way for electric co-ops to begin selling both Internet and video service. It may not necessarily be speedy, though. An amendment says Internet speeds would not have to be more than 10 megabytes per second, far less than the 25 megabytes considered to be broadband speed.



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"The Village"

The Etowah Arts Commission announces its upcoming exhibit, "The Village," a series of paintings about joy by artist Diana Ferguson of Sweetwater. The exhibit runs from April 6th through July 28th in the Nancy Cantrell Dender Gallery, 700 Tennessee Avenue, Etowah. Ms. Ferguson says she loves to take simple shapes, give them life, and let them tell a story. An example, titled "Village Ringmaster," is shown to the right.



◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The McMinn County Sheriff's Department will offer a free safety awareness class at the McMinn Senior Center in Athens this Thursday, April 6th, at 9 a.m. Corporal Paul Johnson will be there with his drug dog DaJanga explaining how they work together to find narcotics.
- ✓ Full Circle Medical Center for Women will have their annual fundraising dinner this Thursday at 7 at Woodward Avenue Church of God. There will be a silent auction from 6 to 7 p.m. You can enter a pre-bid on the Full Circle Facebook page starting at 10 a.m. Thursday.

Obituaries

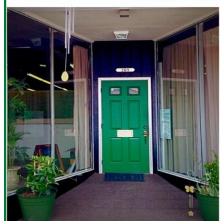
- ◆ **Carla King McDermott**, age 53, died last Saturday at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. She was formerly from Athens. Funeral arrangements will be announced by M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens.
- ◆ **Johnny Joseph Hyde**, age 71, of Athens, died Tuesday at U.T. Medical Center. Funeral services will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The 11th annual Dancing for a Cure will take place this Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Athens City Middle School. Five dancers and their partners will compete. Tickets are \$10 each for adults. Children under 3 get in free. Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society.
- ✓ The TWU Baseball Skills Camp will be held this Saturday at Athens Insurance Field. For information and to see if spots are still available, call Anne Montgomery at TWU. The camp is for 1st through 8th graders.
- ✓ The relay for life team at Allen Memorial United Methodist Church will be selling their famous Homemade Chocolate Covered Peanut Butter Easter Eggs this year. They are \$5 each. The last date to order will be April 12th. Order by calling the church at 745-1560.



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