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Tuesday, April 11, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ TWO FATAL WRECKS IN McMINN CO.

A Cleveland man, 24-year-old Christopher A. Clear, Jr., was killed Sunday night when he lost control of his motorcycle on U.S. 411 south of Etowah. The Tennessee Highway Patrol says Clear was traveling southbound on Highway 411 when he ran off the right side of the road at the intersection with County Road 859. His motorcycle then returned to the roadway, but Clear was thrown from the bike and struck the guard rail. He was pronounced dead at the scene. The crash happened shortly before 10 p.m. Trooper Adam Cook investigated.

In the other fatal crash, the THP says 16-year-old Jillian D. Peek of Calhoun was killed when she ran off the side of the road while driving north on County Road 750 around 4 p.m. Sunday. The THP says Miss Peek was traveling "at a high rate of speed" when she went off the right side of the road, hit a culvert, and the vehicle went airborne. She was ejected from the vehicle and was pronounced dead at the scene. She was not wearing any safety restraints.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ Today's Holy Week Service will be at 12:05 p.m. at Allen Memorial United Methodist Church. The speaker will be the Rev. Norm Beetler (Retired).
- ✓ The McMinn County Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting at 5:30 p.m. today at the Center for Educational Excellence, #3 South Hill Street.

National & World News

◆ Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley has resigned following allegations that he used state resources to cover up an affair he was having with one of his top aides.

◆ A man and a woman are dead and two students are critically injured in an apparent murder-suicide at a San Bernardino, California, elementary school.

◆ Chicago police are searching for a gunman who they say shot and killed a Cook County, Illinois, criminal court judge Monday morning outside his Chicago home on the city's South Side.

◆ There were small gains on Wall Street Monday as energy shares advanced and investors continued to digest geopolitical tensions. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 1.92 to close at 20,658.02. The Nasdaq gained 3.11 to close at 5,880.93, and the S&P 500 finished up 1.62 to close at 2,357.16.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The next organic gardening workshop at the E.G. Fisher Public Library will be this Thursday, April 13th, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The workshop will deal with variety selection, crop rotations, and transplanting. The workshop is free and open to the public.
- ✓ The guest on today's "Chamber Chat" radio broadcast by the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce is Amy Elkins of Southern Homes. You can hear "Chamber Chat" at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.



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Ready to learn more about enrolling your child at Valley Christian Academy? Valley Christian Academy is set to begin classes in the Fall of 2017. **Mark this important date on your calendar!** We will have an information meeting on Tuesday, April 11th from **7:00-8:30pm** at Eastanallee Church in Riceville.

Valley Christian Academy will have no more than fifteen per class in any classroom. While some grades may have more than one class, we will be limited to no more than two classes per grade. Please come and invite your friends and interested parties to learn about cost, teachers and teacher's pay, and visit classroom.

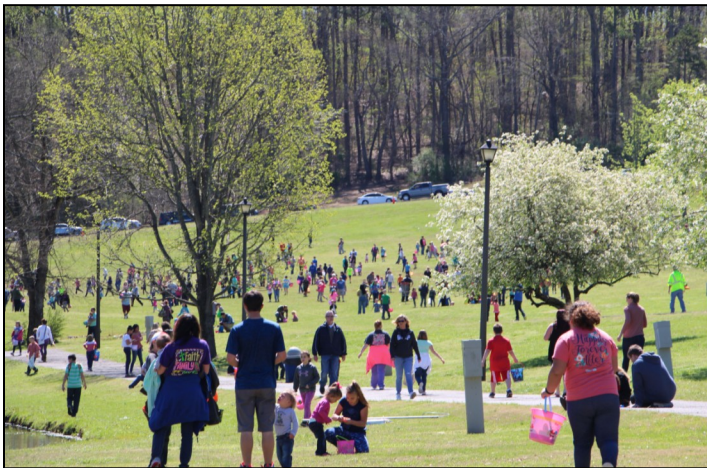
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Searching for Easter Eggs

The Athens Parks Department estimates that 1,796 people attended last Saturday's Easter Egg Hunt at Athens Regional Park. The photos show some of the hunters (below) and the grand prize egg winners (right). Shown left to right: Katie Crockett, Ashlynn Pletcher (winner of a TV), Beau Parker, Aiden Becker, Skylar Chen, Jaryd Tilley (TV winner), Hailey Young, Sarah McCaskill, Abbey Thomas, Thomas Gonzales (TV winner), Jeffrey O'Ryan, and Maria Parra. (Photos courtesy of Athens Parks Dept)



Obituaries

♦ **Emma "Em" LouAnn Boggess-Webb**, age 35, of Athens, died last Friday at her residence. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Wednesday, April 19th at 7 p.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Emma Lou McKinney Swafford**, age 83, of Decatur, died Saturday at her home. She worked with her brother, Mack McKinney, to help build McKinney Excavating, where she served as office manager for over 39 years. Memorial services will be at 5 p.m. Saturday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 3 to 5 p.m. at Ziegler.

♦ **Bettye Wade**, age 84, of Decatur, died Monday at Brookdale Assisted Living in Athens. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.



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