

Monday, April 17, 2017

Local & Area News

UNITED WAY JOINS 2-1-1 NETWORK •

•Need Assistance? Call 2-1-1. The United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties has joined the 2-1-1 Network. 2-1-1 is a phone number that people in need of social service assistance can call to get connected to available resources, such as food, rent, or utility assistance, health care, job training, mental health services, transportation, etc. The call is answered by a trained specialist who collects information and makes a referral based on their needs, eligibility, and proximity.

•This week the United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties will be hearing presentations and reports from applying agencies as part of their fund allocation process. A group of community volunteers will spend several hours over a three day period to identify who can use the United Way funds to make the most meaningful impact in our community. Each agency that is funded goes through a rigorous process. For details, contact Director Stephanie Linkous at 423-745-9606.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

The Athens Chamber of Commerce "Business Before Hours" will be this Thursday, April 20th, from 8 to 9 a.m. at the AT&T Retail Store, 1303 Decatur Pike, in Athens.

✓ The Athens Chamber of Commerce weekly radio show, "Chamber Chat," will be Tuesday morning at 8:15 on WYXI Radio, FM 94.5 AND AM 1390. The guest will be Carrie Tate of Hair Therapy.

National & World News

• The oldest person in the world, and the last living person born in the 1800s, has died at the age of 117. Emma Morano, born November 29, 1899, died on Saturday in Verbania, Italy.

• An attempted missile launch by North Korea on Sunday failed when it exploded immediately after liftoff. This was North Korea's fifth missile test this year.

◆ Vice President Mike Pence, who is in South Korea, was briefed on the North Korean missile failure. Meanwhile, President Trump ordered the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson strike group, to head to the Sea of Japan in a display of U.S. firepower.

It's been three years since Boko Haram militants ambushed the small Nigerian town of Chibok in the middle of the night and abducted 276 schoolgirls. Some of the girls managed to escape, and others were later freed. The fate of nearly 200 still remains unknown.

On Friday, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 138.61 at 20,453.25. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 15.98 at 2,328.95, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 31.01 at 5,805.15.

Clarification: In last Thursday's MORNING FAX we published a story about twin chicks being born from the same egg. It turns out that the "chickens" are actually geese. The egg was discovered by Fuzz Miller at his chicken farm in Decatur and the photo was taken by Mike Madden.





ACMS Students Honored

Athens City Middle School 8th grade students in Mrs. Ginger Robinson's class visited the Capitol in Nashville last Thursday. They were recognized for their excellent school work on the floor of the House of Representatives. Several of the students addressed the house members. In the photo: Athens School Director Dr. Melanie Miller is addressing the house from the podium. State Representative John Forgety is on the right while State Senator Mike Bell is on the left along with the students in the middle. Photo via Twitter and used by permission.



More Obituaries

• Jacky Ray Burnett, Sr., age 61, of Athens, died last Thursday at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Army. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Union Hill Baptist Church with visitation from 12 noon until 1 p.m. at the church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

• Charlene Cekis Stoika, age 64, of Pigeon Forge and formerly of Athens, died last Friday at Pigeon Forge Care and Rehab Center. She was a CNA/LPN and had worked with local Health Care facilities. She was a volunteer for the Hiwassee River Rail Adventure and a member of the Athens Community Chorus. A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at Ziegler.

• Irene Clark, age 72, of Athens, died last Friday at her home. A private Graveside service will be held at a later date. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at Bordwine Funeral Home.

• **Ralph W. Jarvis,** age 84, of Decatur, died last Friday at his home. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Air Force and served as a Meigs County Commissioner for 27 years. A Graveside Service with Military Honors will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the Walnut Grove Cemetery with Bowers Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Sweetwater Hospital Association and its Board of Directors are proud to announce the appointment of three new Board Certified physicians as members of their Medical Staff



Dr. Vernon Pegram II Board Certified Obstetrician and Gynecologist

Dr. Pegram completed his undergraduate work at the University of the South in East Tennessee, then moved to the University of Alabama where he obtained his medical degree in June of 1993. Dr. Pegram completed his residency at Greenville Hospital Systems in South Carolina and returned to the North Alabama area to practice medicine for the next 18 years.



Dr. Sean DeLair Board Certified Urologist

Dr. DeLair earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond in 2001, where he also completed an internship and residency. He completed an additional residency at the University of California Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, CA. Dr. DeLair enjoys spending time on the water with his family and friends.



Dr. Walt C. Chiles III Board Certified Urologist

Dr. Walt C. Chiles III, earned his medical degree from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Memphis, TN in 1999. He served his general surgical residency and received his post graduate training at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and was Chief Resident in the Department of Urology from 2004 - 2005 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dr. DeLair and Dr. Chiles will transition Dr. Klein's patients to their practice, as he is retiring. All physicians are accepting new patients in their new offices located in the Sweetwater Hospital Association Professional Office Building, 304 Wright Street, Sweetwater, TN 37874. Sweetwater Hospital Association is fortunate these physicians have chosen to serve the men and women of our community.

To make an appointment, please call: Dr. Pegram (865)-213-8592, Dr. DeLair (865)-938-5222, & Dr. Chiles (865)-690-3811



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