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Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ ATHENS PHYSICIAN PASSES AT AGE 74

Longtime Pediatrician Dr. Iris Snider Slowey, of Athens, died last

Friday at her home. She was born in Enid, Oklahoma and moved to Maryville at an early age. She was a graduate of the University of Tennessee Medical School and completed residencies in pediatrics at the University of Tennessee Medical Units in Memphis and the University of Tennessee Memorial Hospital in Knoxville. She was board certified



by the American Board of Pediatrics and practiced medicine at Athens Pediatrics, PLLC, for more than 45 years. She was currently a pediatrician on the medical staff of Starr Regional Medical Center, where she had served on the board for many years. In 1993, she was named Business and Professional Woman of the Year at the annual Athens Area Chamber of Commerce community awards banquet. She accumulated numerous awards due to her efforts to achieve quality heath care for Tennessee's children. Her obituary is on page 2.

National & World News

- •A Russian jet carrying 71 passengers and crew crashed shortly after taking off from Moscow early Sunday. Wreckage of the Saratov Airlines flight was strewn across a snow-covered field, about 50 miles southeast of Moscow.
- North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un has invited South Korean President Moon Jae-in to meet with him in the North for a summit. The invitation was extended by Kim's sister Kim Yo Jong during a meeting with Moon. She is in the South attending the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics as her brother's special envoy.
- •Two Ohio police officers were shot and killed Saturday as they were responding to a 911 hang-up call. Officers Eric Joering and Anthony Morelli were immediately hit with gunfire when they entered an apartment on a potential domestic disturbance calls.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Community Theatre announces auditions for the Spring 2018 show, *The Jungle Book*, will take place on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 26th and 27th, at 6 p.m. at The Arts Center. Actors ages 7 to 17 are needed. For information, call 745-8781.



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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

- **Dr. Iris Snider Slowey**, age 74, of Athens, died Friday at her home. Funeral services will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 3 to 5 p.m. at Smith. There will be a private interment for family only following the service.
- Connie Tuck Elliott, age 86, of Niota, died Thursday at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. Funeral services were held Sunday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.
- Tammy Ella Huskey, age 51, of Englewood, died Thursday at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. Arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home of Athens.
- Joe Lee Merckson, age 70, died last Friday at his winter home in Ft. Meade, Florida. He spent most of his life in Titusville, Florida until moving to Niota and Athens in 2008. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date at Mount Harmony Baptist Church of Niota. North Brevard Funeral Home and Crematory in Titusville, Florida is in charge of arrangements.
- Lucille Elsworth Gerecke, age 91, of Athens, died Thursday at Willow Acres in Riceville. There will be no formal visitation or service. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- Karen Smith, age 71, of Athens, died Thursday at her residence. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Athens.
- Marcella M. Coker, age 89, of Etowah, died Saturday. She and her late husband, Robert, had owned an auto-body repair shop and a residential home for the aged on County Road 475. A graveside service will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Conasauga Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Dynasty Donates Spa to United Way

At last Thursday's United Way Awards Ceremony, Dynasty Spas presented a new Spa to the United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties to give away to a contributor to the 2017 campaign. The 10 finalists names were placed in a box and the winner drawn was Charlotte Hollingshead who works at Starr Regional Medical Center. In the photo is Dynasty Spas marketing head, Sam Natter, on the left and Ms. Hollingshead.





TODAY IN HISTORY - FEBRUARY 12th

1809 - Abraham Lincoln, our 16th president, was born. Under his presidency, slavery was abolished.

1809 - Charles Darwin was born. His theories on evolution that plants and animals evolved from a few common ancestors contradict Biblical teaching that God created human beings in His own image.

1870 - Women in the Utah Territory gained the right to vote.

1878 - The baseball catcher's mask was patented. That cut down on a lot of black eyes for catchers. **1909 -** The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded in New York.

1912 - Pu Yi, the last emperor of China, abdicated, marking the end of the Qing Dynasty.

1935 - Singer Gene McDaniels was born. His biggest hit was "A Hundred Pounds of Clay."

1973 - North Vietnam released the first group of U.S. military men being held as prisoners of war.