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Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Athens, Tennessee

## STATE & LOCAL NEWS

### COMMUNTIES GET BLOCK GRANTS

Governor Bill Haslam and Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bob Rolfe have approved nearly \$25.5 million in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), which assist communities and counties with infrastructure improvements, health and safety initiatives, and façade improvements in downtown commercial districts. Most of the grants require matching funds. Here are some of the grants that were awarded to local and surrounding communities and counties:

**Athens -** \$525,000 for sewer system improvements **Etowah -** \$520,200 for sewer system improvements McMinn County - \$525,000 for water line improvements Niota - \$425,000 for water system improvements **Polk County -** \$525,000 for water system improvements **Sweetwater -** \$525,000 for Housing Rehabilitations **Tellico Plains -** \$525,000 for water system improvements Monroe County - \$525,000 for water line improvements





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## **National & World News**

- Donald Trump Jr.'s wife was taken to a hospital in New York on Monday after opening a package at her home that contained an unknown white powder. Vanessa Trump was being examined at New York-Presbyterian Weill Cornell Medical Center as a precaution.
- Two women have been killed in an ongoing barricade situation in Detroit by a suspect who suffers from mental illness. The barricade situation began Sunday night and led to a police officer getting shot in the knee and the injury of another man who is expected to survive. It is not clear how the incident began.
- ♦ An Alabama woman who was missing for at least 36 hours after a car crash was miraculously found by rescuers Sunday morning. She was alert, but suffered from broken bones.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**

- Medic Regional Blood Center will hold a Valentine's Day Blood Drive Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Cleveland State Community College, 2580 Ingleside Ave., Athens.
- The monthly Athens Area Chamber of Commerce "Business Before Hours" will be held this Thursday, Feb. 15th, from 8 to 9 a.m. at Domino's, 1250 Decatur Pike.

Hours Monday & Tuesday 10-6; Valentine's Day 10-5:30

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Tuesday - 20% rain. High 55. **Tue. night -** 30% rain. Low

around 37.

Wednesday - 60% rain. High

Thursday - 50% rain. High 70

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# **Obituaries**

• John Gary Simpson, age 80, of Athens, died Sunday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. He was a long-time educator in McMinn County serving as teacher, principal, Title I Director for the Tennessee State Dept. of Education, Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction, and Assistant Superintendent. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

**MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** U.S. stocks closed higher following their worst week in two years. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 410 points or 1.7% to 24,601. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 36 points or 1.4% to 3,656, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 107 points or 1.6% to 6,982.

### **♦** MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ Mrs. Laura Starr, kindergarten teacher at Etowah City School, has been selected as this week's News Channel 9 Educator of the Week. The segment will air on Channel 9 this evening.
- ✓ The guests on "Chamber Chat," the weekly Athens Chamber of Commerce radio show, will be Christy Ray and Stacey Bledsoe, owners of Southern Charm Gift Shop. You can hear "Chamber Chat" Tuesdays at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, FM-94.5 and AM-1390 & ONLINE.

# A Tribute to Connie Akers

Steve Akers, the husband of the late Connie Akers, recently celebrated with Good Faith Clinic volunteers and board members the spirit of volunteering and compassion that "Ms. Connie" was known for. A plaque will be placed in the clinic recognizing her outstanding dedication as a volunteer for the Good Faith Clinic. GFC Board Chairman Michelle Crafton made the presentation. Crafton said, "Connie was a volunteer almost from the start of the clinic in 1995. She is greatly missed at the GFC and in this community." Pictured, left to right: GFC board members Steve McCaslin, Frank Davis, Lisa Harrison, Michelle Crafton (Chair), Norma Barham, Steve Akers, and Connie Dalton.

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