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STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ ATHENS RANKS 3 ON FLU SCALE

A new Website called DoctorsReport.com provides information about flu cases from doctors' offices throughout the nation. Specific locations are ranked from 0 to 10, with 10 being the worst. According to DoctorsReport.com, the flu rating for the Athens area is 3. However, authorities emphasize flu activity remains high and this year's flu season has weeks to go.

◆ ATHENS ROCKS HEADED TO JAPAN

Representatives from Athens' Sister City, Isahaya, Japan, toured the DENSO Manufacturing plant in Athens last Friday. Most of them were from Nagasaki Wesleyan University. They took part in a rock hunt at the EcoPark. One of the visitors is taking one of the rocks back to Japan so that they can start their own rock hunts.



(Photo by Erin Holbrook)

National & World News

◆ Wichita police are continuing their search for five-year-old Lucas Hernandez who disappeared around 3 p.m. on Saturday. His 26-year-old stepmother said she saw him in his bedroom before she took a shower and fell asleep. Police were called to the home about three hours later.

◆ A volcano on Indonesia's Sumatra island sent columns of ash shooting into the sky on Monday which prompted a "code red" warning to airlines by an Australian agency monitoring volcanic ash. Villages were covered in layers of grey ash, which settled on trees and the tops of buildings, motorcycles and cars. Thousands have been displaced in the surrounding area. Seismic activity continues and has kept the alert level at its highest point since June 2015.

◆ A 7-year-old boy was killed in crossfire in Jacksonville, Florida, on Sunday night, becoming the fifth child to be shot in the city in less than two weeks but the first to die.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The E.G. Fisher Library will have a Noon Book Discussion today about *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl* by Harriet Ann Jacobs. It is a firsthand narrative written by a female slave in 1861. Library Director Katie Hiney will lead a discussion. A donation luncheon will be provided by Friends of the Library.

✓ The Athens City Council holds its monthly meeting tonight at 6. Items on the agenda include a vote changing distance requirements for businesses that sell beer and approval of Derek Green to be the new Municipal Judge replacing Trey Winder.

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Obituaries

♦ **Thomas Clayborne "Clay" Derrick**, age 53, of Athens, died last Friday in Charleston. He was an employee of Resolute Forest Products (Bowater Paper Co.) for 34 years where he was on the Emergency Response Team and a member of HAZMAT of McMinn County. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.

♦ **Thomas E. Gaby**, age 70, of Athens, died Sunday at the VA hospital in Murfreesboro. He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam and Germany. He worked from 1973 to 1987 for the Internal Revenue Service until MS forced his retirement. A remembrance of life service will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Companion Funeral Home of Athens, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

♦ **Mark Kile**, age 48, of Niota, died Monday at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home.

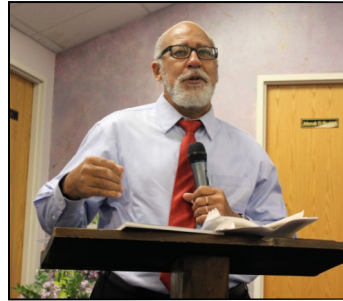
♦ **James Lawrence Freeman**, age 76, of Etowah, died Feb. 14th at UT Medical Center. He served in the Army in Germany. He worked for a dairy farm in Florida for more than 20 years, and then retired and returned to Tennessee. He spent most of his mornings at the Senior Center in Athens. A celebration of life will be held Thursday at 6 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens, with visitation from 5 to 6 p.m.

♦ **Carl McKinney**, age 86, of Athens, died Monday at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

♦ **Hazel D. Elder Roberts**, age 89, of Decatur, died Saturday at Life Care Center of Athens. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Bowers Funeral Home with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bowers.

Making a Joyful Noise

The annual Gospel Jubilee Singing was held Sunday at Greater Deliverance Ministries in Athens. Retired News Channel 9 anchor Calvin Sneed (left) was the guest speaker. The program featured several singers, including Jessie Battle, The St. Mark AME Choir, the Chattanooga District AME Choir, The McCullough Family, Divine Praise, and the Purifory Family. The St. Mark AME Church Choir is shown below.



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