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STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ **INMATE ON LIFE SUPPORT AFTER BEATING**
 A Hixson man is on life support after a vicious attack by a fellow inmate at the McMinn County Jail. Tim Cook, 48, was kicked repeatedly in the head last Saturday night after being arrested in Athens on a DUI charge. Cook was in a booking area with Jerrod Jones, 24. Jones attacked Cook for about 20 seconds before guards were able to pull him off. Cook was transported to UT Hospital. Family friends say he has little brain activity after the attack. Jones had been taken to jail for charges of shoplifting, theft, and trespassing. He has since been charged with aggravated assault, and the TBI is investigating the incident.

◆ **BB&T BANK TO CLOSE MAIN OFFICE**
 BB&T Bank has announced that it will close their Athens Main financial center at 204 West Washington Avenue in Athens at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 18th. It will be consolidated with the Athens Plaza financial center at 1604 Decatur Pike. If you have a safe deposit box at the Athens Main financial center, you will receive additional information about that service later. BB&T's building on West Washington Avenue has been for sale for the past two years.

NOTE: There will be a statewide SNAP benefit outage this weekend for all EBT cardholders in Tennessee from 11 p.m. Saturday to 8 a.m. Sunday. During that nine-hour period, anyone with an EBT card will not be able to use it.

National & World News

◆ The man known as "America's Pastor," Billy Graham, has died at the age of 99 at his home in North Carolina. He held large indoor and outdoor rallies and his sermons were broadcast on radio and television. He also ministered to 11 U.S. presidents. Dr. Graham preached to live audiences of nearly 215 million people in more than 185 countries.



- ◆ **COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**
- ✓ The 2018 Polar Bear Walk to benefit Women at the Well Ministries will take place this Saturday at 11 a.m. at the New Attitude Store, 104. N. White Street, in Downtown Athens. You are invited to sponsor the staff and students in a 3-mile walk on the Square with a \$25 donation. Call 745-0010 to donate.
 - ✓ District Attorney General Steve Crump will give a presentation on ways to work together to combat opioid abuse at 4 p.m. today at the Athens City Middle School Auditorium. Any interested community leader or member of the public is urged to attend.
 - ✓ The Athens City Council will hold its annual Council Strategic Summit on Friday at 3 p.m. and Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. at the Red Brick House in the Athens Regional Park.

2018 POLAR BEAR WALK
 Saturday, Feb. 24th 11am
 held at **New Attitude**
 104 N. White St. Athens
Refreshments will be served!
Sponsor a Walker for \$25 to Support Women at the Well Ministries

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Obituaries

♦ **Ruth "Elaine" Hinson**, age 88, of Ten Mile, died Tuesday at her residence. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bowers Funeral Home in Decatur, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks closed lower following the long holiday weekend on concerns over rising interest rates. Real estate and energy were hit the hardest. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 166.97 points or 0.7% to 24,797.78. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 14.93 points or 0.5% to 2,701.33, the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 16.08 points or 0.2% to 7,218.23.

THE SPRING FLOWERS ARE BLOOMING!

Spring is officially 26 days away, but once the temperature hit 70 the spring flowers started blooming. This photo was taken this week in the Ridgeways Subdivision in Athens.



Ribbon Cut for Domino's

The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting for the new Domino's Pizza location at 1250 Decatur Pike this week. Shown in the photo, left to right: Edward Goodman, Kim York, and Karen Raby (Chamber Diplomats); Mark Cochran (Assistant County Mayor); Shayne Whaley; Rob Preston (Chamber CEO); C. Seth Sumner (Athens City Manager); Trey Winder; Randy Dunlop (Owner); Bo Perkinson (City Council); Cheryl Ingram (McMinn Register of Deeds); Jack Allen; Yvonne Raper (City Council); Scott Mashburn and Kristi Clenney (Chamber Diplomats) (Photo by Cheri Harrison)



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