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Athens, Tennessee

Friday-February 25, 2011

State & Local News

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The McMinn County Branch NAACP will observe Black History Month with a Heritage Celebration titled "Affirming America's Promise" from 5 to 7 p.m. tomorrow, Feb. 26, at the Athens Junior High School auditorium. The event will feature songs of praise by the Athens Community Chorus and the McMinn County High School Youth Chorus, Joyful Noise.
- ✓ Next Monday, Feb. 28, is the last day to pay property taxes before interest and penalties will be assessed. The Athens Municipal Building will be open both Friday and Monday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The McMinn County Trustee office will be open Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.
- ✓ The Athens Parks Department announces that the 2011 Daddy-Daughter Dance pictures have arrived. Pictures may be picked up at the Athens Municipal building, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- ✓ Central High School's Band will sponsor a BBQ Lunch at Michael's Restaurant in Etowah on Saturday, Feb. 26, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The cost is \$5. Tickets are available from any band member or at the door.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ Army members loyal to Moammar Gadhafi struck back Thursday against rebellious Libyans, attacking a mosque where many were holding an anti-government sit-in.
- ◆ Stocks fell for the third straight day Thursday as surging oil prices overshadowed reports that the jobs market may be improving. At one point, the price of oil reached nearly \$120 a barrel before easing as Saudi Arabia said it could step in to fill any supply shortfalls. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 12,068.50, down 37.28 points.
- ◆ Wisconsin state troopers were dispatched Thursday to try to find at least one of the 14 Senate Democrats who have been on the run for eight days to delay a vote on Gov. Scott Walker's proposal to remove collective bargaining rights for most public employees. No Democrats could be found.
- ◆ Toyota is recalling nearly 2.2 million vehicles due to a risk that the accelerator pedal could be trapped by loose or misplaced carpet on the driver's side.
- ◆ A property owner on County Road 791 in the New Bethel Community was burning brush Wednesday when it got out of hand. The Etowah and Claxton Volunteer Fire Departments responded. (Photo by Jay Thomson)



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Toscana Pizza & Italian Grill, Ingles Shopping Center, Athens 746-9900. Delivery, Carry-out, Dine-In! (\$10 Min. Delivery Order) Lg. 14" w/2-Toppings breadsticks w/ cheese, \$11.99. Not valid w/ other offers. Limited time offer. Chicken Tenders (5) served with french fries. **Happy & proud to be a part of Athens!**

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Church News and Events

- Niota United Methodist Church will have a soup and chili supper Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m. Price is \$5.00 each.
- Freedman Chapel Church at 415 Cleveland Avenue will have a Free Movie-Free Popcorn night for children and youth tonight at 7.
- Southern Gospel singer Kirk Talley will be in concert at Pope Ave. Baptist Church in Athens this Sunday at 10:45 a.m.
- The Bryan College Chorale brings its Concert Tour to First Baptist Church of Athens this Sunday at 5 p.m.
- The community is invited to a dramatic presentation featuring the speeches of Dr. Martin Luther King and Malcolm X at 4 p.m. this Sunday at Freedman Chapel Church.
- Solid Rock Baptist Church in Calhoun will have a revival from Feb. 28th through March 4th at 7 p.m. nightly.
- Eastanallee Baptist Church will have a Spring Revival with Bill Stafford, Evangelist, this Sunday through Wednesday at 7 p.m. nightly. The Sunday morning service is at 10:30.
- Victory Baptist Church on Highway 11 North, Niota, will have a revival with T.D. Burgess Feb. 27th through March 2nd. Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.
- Rev. Russ Coffey, Executive Director of Anchor Point Foundation (a drug rehabilitation ministry in Cleveland), will speak this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. at Mercy Worship Center, 414 Lynman St., in Athens.

Who's New In Pink & Blue?

Landon "Gauge" Brian Mason was born February 21st at Athens Regional Medical Center. He weighed 6 pounds and 1 ounce and was 18 inches long. His parents are Brandi and Brian Mason of Athens.

Christopher Kincannon was born Feb. 16th at ARMC. He weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces and was 20½ inches long. His parents are Kimberly and Josh Kincannon of Etowah.

Obituaries

Brad Russell Hamblin, age 62, of Niota died Wednesday at his home. He was retired from TVA after 20 years of service where he was Security Supervisor. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and served two tours in Vietnam. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

Lugene Blackwell, age 55, of Decatur died Wednesday at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ralph Buckner Funeral Home of Etowah.

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McMinn Girls Fast Pitch League

Sign-ups at McMinn County Courthouse Annex, 10A-12Noon

Tomorrow, Feb. 26th

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UNITED WAY ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS LUNCHEON

The United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties concluded its annual fund-raising drive with the annual meeting and awards luncheon yesterday. A total of \$612,000 was raised. The Dick Dyer Community Service Award was presented to Pris Cornwall, the James Willson Award went to Eric Newberry, and the Joseph Frye Award went to Gladys Fortsch. In the photo, L-R: 2011 Campaign Chairman Frank Snyder; 2011 President Sharon Brown; 2010 President Cindy Runyan; and 2010-2011 President's Council Chairman Bob Foster.



(Photo by Stephanie Linkous)