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Athens, Tennessee

### LOCAL & AREA NEWS

◆ **MEIGS JUDGE TO HEAR SPANKING CASE**  
Judge Casey Stokes of Meigs County has been assigned to hear the case in which a Lookout Mountain attorney is charged with spanking his 11-year-old son. Judges in Hamilton County recused themselves from the case. Morgan Adams allegedly gave his son 100 licks with a fly swatter for telling lies and for getting zeroes in school. His attorney says any discipline Adams imposed on his son was out of love, not out of child abuse. There is no law in Tennessee that says parents cannot spank their children. However, the Department of Children Services can investigate if there are visible marks. Adams is due in court in April.

◆ **FIRE DESTROYS SINGLE-WIDE**  
A fire Saturday afternoon destroyed this single-wide on County Road 450 just outside the city of Athens. The occupants, Rodney and Janice Brogdon, suffered burns. The fire apparently started in the fireplace. Units from the Athens and Englewood Rural Fire Departments responded. (Photo by Jay Thomson)



### NATIONAL & STATE NEWS

◆ Kentucky Senator Rand Paul has won the 2015 Conservative Political Action Conference straw poll for potential Republican presidential candidates for the third consecutive year. Paul finished with 26% of the vote, ahead of Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker who finished with 21% of the vote. Texas Senator Ted Cruz finished in third place with 11.5%, and retired neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson was fourth with 11%. Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush was fifth with 8% of the vote.

◆ A California couple's 67-year-long romance came to a peaceful end a few days ago as they took their last breaths together while holding each other's hand. Floyd Hartwig was 90. His wife, Violet, was 89. They had expressed the wish to die at home and to go together. When family members sensed that death was imminent for each one, they pushed their hospice beds together and then put their hands together so they could be holding hands as they passed away.

◆ Volunteer Energy Cooperative officials report making major headway in restoring electricity over the weekend. As of Sunday, about 1400 customers were without power in Cumberland County. Electricity had been restored to all but a handful of customers in the other counties served by VEC.

◆ State Sen. Todd Gardenhire of Chattanooga wants to ban the use of traffic cameras for law enforcement. He says the cameras are "big brother," with an eye on your life and a hand in your pocket. He says they deny people's constitutional right to face and cross-examine their accuser in court because the accuser is a machine.



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**Tuesday** - 60% chance of rain, high of 58  
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### Ribbon Cutting at Edward Jones

A ribbon cutting was held recently at Skylar Dean's Edward Jones office at 102 N. White Street in Downtown Athens. Dean took over the office as financial adviser following the retirement of Jim Nelson. In the photo below, L-R front: Mandie Beeler (Chamber Diplomat), Holly Sullivan (Office Manager), Skylar Dean, Barbara Underdown (former Office Manager), Mark Cochran (Assistant to McMinn Co. Mayor John Gentry), and Joanne Arnett (Chamber Diplomat). In the back row, L-R: Dana Ferguson (Chamber Diplomat), Laura Sullivan (Crye-Leike Realtor), Rob Preston (Athens Chamber of Commerce President/CEO), and Jim Nelson (former Financial Advisor).



### Obituaries

- **Judy Alice Marney Robertson**, age 54, of Athens died last Wednesday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. A memorial service will be at 5 p.m. Monday at Idlewild Baptist Church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- **Jeffrey F. Lay**, age 58, of Athens died last Thursday at his home. He was employed at Jim Bob Contracting as an electrician for the past 15 years. A memorial service will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation immediately following the service.
- **Jean Malone Burton**, age 74, of Englewood died last Friday. She was an employee of Reflections Hair and Nails Salon and a former employee of Athens Stove Works. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.

#### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Athens Area Council for the Arts presents tenor Dr. William Keith Wheeler in a recital at noon tomorrow in March's "Arts on the Side." The time is noon at The Arts Center, 320 N. White St. You are invited to bring lunch and enjoy a free concert.
- ✓ Commodity distribution in Meigs County will be this Wednesday from 8 to 11 a.m. at the SETHRA office in Decatur.
- ✓ The Main Street meeting that was cancelled due to the weather last week has been rescheduled for tomorrow, March 3, at 5:30 p.m. at the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum.



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