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Friday, April 3, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

State and Local News

◆ ATHENS TO GET JOB TRAINING CENTER

Governor Haslam's budget amendment includes \$2 million to build the first phase of The Center for Advanced Manufacturing in the I-75 Industrial Park. Senator Mike Bell says the center will be run by the Tennessee College of Applied Technology in Athens. It's purpose will be to serve manufacturers by helping them train workers in advanced manufacturing in McMinn, Monroe, Meigs, and Bradley counties. Bell says about \$1 million in local money has already been raised. He says the Center will help train existing workers and will be an incentive to attract new manufacturers to the Athens Area.

◆ ATHENS MAN DIES IN TRAFFIC CRASH

Mark A. Hampton, 47, of Athens was killed in a one-car traffic crash on County Rd. 360 Tuesday evening. Trooper William Patterson says Hampton was a passenger in a car driven by Kenneth J. Hampton, 26, of Loudon. The car ran off the road. Patterson says Hampton overcorrected, causing the car to go into a spin and hit a tree. Hampton was arrested for DUI and vehicular homicide.

◆ FINALISTS NAMED FOR SCHOOL DIRECTOR

The four finalists for the position of Athens Director of Schools are Mike Simmons, Principal at Athens City Middle School; Dr. Melanie Miller, the Athens Schools Supervisor of Instruction; Dr. Tracy McAbee with the Polk County Schools; and Dr. Sherry Shrover with the Bradley County Schools. The Athens School Board will choose one of them to replace Robert Greene who is retiring.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Negotiators in Switzerland, announced an interim agreement has been reached on the principles for dismantling Iran's nuclear program in exchange for lifting heavy economic sanctions.

◆ The operation to rescue hostages held by muslim extremists in a college dormitory in Kenya has ended. Four "terrorists" are dead and one was taken into custody. The death toll has risen to 147 people according to Kenyan officials.

◆ Prince Harry of UK will begin his month-long attachment to the Australian Defence Force on Monday when he arrives in Australia.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ Today is Good Friday. Both the McMinn County Courthouse and the Athens Municipal Building will be closed today.

✓ Due to bad weather in March, the Athens Arbor Day celebration had to be postponed. The new date is next Thursday, April 9, at 11 a.m. on the Quad at Tennessee Wesleyan College. The winners of the writing and coloring contests will be announced and TWC will be awarded Tree Campus USA status and the City of Athens will be awarded Tree City USA status as part of the ceremony.

✓ Youth Theatre Workshop, in coordination with Athens Community Theatre, will present *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown (revised)* April 9-19 in the Sue E. Trotter Black Box Theater at The Arts Center in Athens. Performances will be April 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, and 18 at 7:30 p.m. and April 12 and 19 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and \$8.


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Friday - Partly sunny & breezy. Highs in mid to upper 70's.
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Saturday - Sunny & cooler. Highs in the mid to upper 50's.
Sunday - Sunny. High - 60's.
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Church News and Events

- The Athens Ministerial Association's Holy Week Service at 12:05 p.m. today will be at Trinity United Methodist Church. The speaker will be Father Hendree Harrison, Jr.
- A Taizé Prayer and Tenebrae Service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at Keith Memorial United Methodist Church.
- Greater Deliverance Ministries will be having a Miracle, Healing, and Deliverance Service at 7 p.m. Friday. The church is located at 2329 Clearwater Road, Athens.
- East Athens Baptist Church will have a Good Friday Service from Noon to 12:50 p.m. today. On Easter Sunday, the Sanctuary Choir and Rev. Mike Dannel will present special music. Dr. Jon Hathcock will bring the message.
- Christ Community Church at 14 S. Congress Parkway will present a Passover Celebration tomorrow from 12 noon to 3 p.m. with an Egg Hunt, food, games, and activities.
- Boyd Memorial First Church of God, U.S. 11 near Heil, will present an Easter play tomorrow at 4 p.m. and again Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The church will have a Sunrise Service Sunday at 6:45 a.m.
- Clearwater Baptist Church presents an Easter Sunday Service titled "How to Actually Enjoy Being a Christian" at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at Athens City Middle School.
- Athens First Baptist Church will have two services on Easter Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Obituaries

- **Wayne J.C. McDonald**, age 64, of Athens, died Wednesday at his residence. Funeral services will be at 12 noon Saturday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
- **Sandra Maxine Underdown-Melton**, age 72, of Athens, died Wednesday at UT Medical Center. She worked as a cashier at the McMinn County High School cafeteria for several years. Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 4 to 6 p.m.
- **JoAnn "Jo" Burns Costner**, age 76, of Athens, died Wednesday at her residence. Funeral services will be at 12 noon today at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 10a.m. to 12 noon.
- **Mark Allen Hampton**, age 47, of Athens, died Tuesday at Starr Regional Med. Center. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 12noon to 2 p.m.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks closed higher and bond prices retreated after a reading on the labor market came in better than expected, raising hopes that Friday's payroll report may show similar strength. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 65.06 at 17,763.24. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 7.27 at 2,066.96, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 6.71 at 4,886.94.

MORE CHURCH NEWS

- The Athens Ministerial Association will hold a Community Easter Sunrise Service Sunday at 7 a.m. at the Market Park Pavilion in Downtown Athens. The speaker will be Rev. Scott Packett, Pastor of Idlewild Baptist Church.

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