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Thursday, April 30, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

### State & Local News

#### ◆ SUPREME COURT PONDER'S MARRIAGE

The U.S. Supreme Court has heard the arguments for and against same-sex marriage. Now, we have to wait until June for a ruling. Tennessee Attorney General Herbert Slatery says the state's position on same-sex marriage was argued well before the Court. Slatery says it is his hope that the Court will affirm the 6th Circuit Court of appeals ruling and will leave it up to the states to decide what marriages to recognize. David Fowler, president of the Family Action Council of Tennessee, says the decision that will come from Tuesday's arguments before the Supreme Court have the potential to forever change the principle of states' rights. Fowler says since the nation's founding, states have defined marriage as between a man and a woman.

#### ◆ WILD ANIMAL SELF DEFENSE BILL PASSES

The so-called "Stand Your Ground Against Wild Animals" bill passed before the Tennessee legislature adjourned. The bill allows people to kill or injure a threatening wild animal or poisonous snake when the person reasonably believes the action is necessary to protect himself or another person from serious bodily injury or death. The law will take effect on July 1.

### NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ When Baltimore mother, Toya Graham went into the heart of the city's violence Monday and pulled her teen son from the street, she grabbed the attention of not just her son but the entire nation. Graham was praised by the Baltimore Police Commissioner, Anthony Batts. Batts stated on Monday, "I wish I had more parents who took charge of their kids tonight."

◆ The National Assessment of Educational Progress, known as the Nation's Report Card, released the results of the average scores of eighth-grade students who took the test in 2014. Only 18 percent of students received scores of "proficient" or better in U.S. History, 23 percent for Civics, and 27 percent for Geography.

#### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Athens Kiwanis Club will host its 56th Annual Pancake Breakfast this Saturday from 6 a.m. to 12 noon. The event will be held at a new location; the Market Park Pavilion in Downtown Athens. The cost is \$5 per person. Children 6 and under eat free.
- ✓ The Farm Service Agency, FSA, encourages farmers in the area to apply for the Microloan Program to meet the needs of their farming operations. The microloan can help with purchasing livestock and feed, farm equipment, fuel, and insurance. For information, you can contact the local FSA office at 745-6302.

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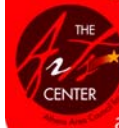


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**SPRING FLING**   
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**Fri.&Sat., May 1st & 2nd**  
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**Englewood 1st Baptist**  
**Englewood's Largest Yard Sale**  
 with 2 tractor trailers  
 of donated merchandise !

Thursday, April 30, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

## Young People In The News

~ A 5th grader at Niota Elementary School, 11-year-old Konstantina Papaioannou, recently finished in 3rd place in the nation in the Elks Club National Hoop Shoot Contest. She was sponsored by the Athens Elks Club. Konstantina is on the school basketball team. Her favorite athlete is LeBron James.



~TWC Soccer Coach Steve Lyons recently presented a check for \$1,050 to Jorge Carrillo, a McMinn High School soccer player battling cancer. The proceeds are from the recent TWC Soccer Tournament. The photo shows Coach Lyons presenting the check to Jorge. His mother is in the center.



## Obituaries

- **Kathy Jo McFarland**, age 51, of Athens died Tuesday. A memorial service will be held Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Candies Creek Baptist Church in Charleston, with visitation from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the church. Companion Funeral Home of Cleveland is in charge.
- **Ruth Jeanette Haney McNelley**, age 83, of Athens died Wednesday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mount Verd Baptist Church, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- **Dwayne McDermott**, age 51, of Etowah died Sunday in Johnson City. Funeral arrangements will be announced by M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home.
- **First SGT Charles Carl Seabright**, age 71 of Athens died Wednesday at his home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam Conflict and served in the U.S. Marine Corp for 20 years. He received 2 purple hearts and was former Commander of the .V.F.W. Post 5106. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 11-2 at Laycock-Hobbs.
- **Nell Jo Alloway Curtis**, age 86 of Clemmons, North Carolina and formerly of Athens died Wednesday at The Oaks Nursing Home in North Carolina. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Eastanallee Baptist Church with visitation from 1-2 p.m. at the church. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge.
- **Anita Eileen Barnes**, age 78 of Athens died Wednesday at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 11a.m.-1 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs.

### Today In History - April 30

- 1789** - George Washington was inaugurated as our first president. He had previously served as Commander of the Continental Army that won the Revolutionary War against Britain. He also served as president of the convention that produced the U.S. Constitution.
- 1803** - The United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France.
- 1900** - Hawaii was organized as a U.S. territory.
- 1933** - Country singer Willie Nelson was born. His many hits include "Always On My Mind" and "On The Road Again."
- 1939** - The New York Worlds Fair opened.
- 1970** - President Richard Nixon announced the United States was sending troops into Cambodia.
- 2005** - Missing Georgia woman Jennifer Wilbanks the so-called "runaway bride," turned up in Albuquerque, N.M.
- 2009** - Chrysler filed for bankruptcy protection.

### ◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The 2015 McMinn County Rabies Clinic will be held next week, May 4 through May 9, at most veterinary offices in the county. The cost of the rabies shot will be \$10. Please call the office for an appointment. Shots are available at Animal Aid, The Animal Clinic of Athens, Athens Small Animal Hospital, Creekside Animal Hospital, Home Vet, McMinn Regional Humane Society Spay & Neuter Clinic, Mecca Pike Animal Hospital, Offutt Veterinary Service, The Pet Clinic, and Union Hill Veterinary Hospital.

  
**Hear Mike Gallagher !!**  
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**11:35a & 5:15p**  
**Saturday: 8:30a**  
**12:30p & 5:15p**

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**BEGINNING**  
**MAY 4th**

**WEATHER**  
**Thursday** - Partly sunny. 30% rain & t'storms in the P.M. .  
 Highs in the mid to upper 60's.  
**Thu. night** - Partly cloudy. 20% rain. Lows in mid 40's.  
**Friday** - Mostly sunny. Lows in the mid 40's.  
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