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Monday, May 2, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

Local and Area News

- ◆ **AUB TO HAVE "FINAL PUSH" TOMORROW**
 Since mid-March, power crews from Athens Utilities Board have worked on a project to upgrade the power lines, poles and various electrical hardware on South Jackson Street. They plan to finalize the project on Tuesday and as a result, South Jackson Street will be closed to through traffic between Green Street and Highway 39 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. AUB crews will remove all of the old power pole tops, cross arms, and AUB attachments as well as removal of all of the old power lines. AUB spokesman Wayne Scarbrough says that the work can be dangerous and asks all motorists to be aware of the need to restrict traffic and vehicle speeds on Tuesday. This should be the last time that traffic will be disrupted on South Jackson St.
- ◆ **WELL KNOWN PHARMACIST PASSES AWAY**
 Dr. Jack K. Wallace, the owner of the former Riddle and Wallace Drug Store of Athens, died Sunday morning at his residence. He was 93. A preliminary obituary is on page 2.
- ◆ The City of Athens Public Works Department will close Sweetfield Valley Road from Cedar Springs Road to W. Madison Avenue to through traffic from Monday at 7 a.m. through Friday at 3:30 p.m. The purpose is for drainage and street repairs.

STATE, NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ The owner of Companion Funeral Home of Cleveland has been fined \$1,000 by the Tennessee Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers. Trae Cody forged the Medical Examiner's name on a death certificate in order to "speed up" delivery to a grieving family. It's the first time that Companion has been cited by the state.
- ◆ Governor Haslam has signed into law a bill that gives fantasy sports gaming companies an exemption from Tennessee's anti-gambling laws. Nearly one million residents of Tennessee already play fantasy sports and will be able to do so legally.
- ◆ The THP closed a portion of I-24 in Marion County on Friday in order to re-enact a fatal wreck that involved State Trooper Clyde Reeves. Reeves was driving a THP SUV when he struck a motorcyclist on the Nickajack Bridge, killing 66 year-old Jim Garner.
- ◆ An earthquake measuring 2.5 in magnitude struck an area 29 miles east of Athens about 5:15 p.m. on Saturday.
- ◆ A mother and her daughter from Charlotte, NC have been rescued by a helicopter pilot in New Zealand. Carolyn Lloyd, 45, and her daughter Rachel Lloyd, 22, were lost in a large forest.
- ◆ A teenage girl was killed Friday night when she was ejected from a spinning carnival ride at an El Paso, Texas, church.
- ◆ A CSX train derailed in Washington, DC Sunday morning causing officials to close the District's Metro Rail System for a time.
- ◆ A social media app popular with young people is at the center of a lawsuit in Atlanta. Christal McGee, age 18, recorded herself driving over 100 mph using Snapchat. She crashed into another driver causing him permanent brain damage.

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Athens, Tennessee

Ribbon Cut for Denso EcoPark

Phase I of a new environmentally friendly community EcoPark is now officially open, next to the Athens Denso Manufacturing Plant. The 11.5 acre area creates a safe place for employees and the community to walk, learn and immerse themselves in nature. The land is owned and set aside by the McMinn County Economic Development Authority. In the photo: Front row: Matt Johnston, Midlab. Kenji Miyazaki, DENSO. John Seavey, DENSO. Shawn Lindsey, City of Athens. Hugh Cantrell, DENSO. Shawn Bryant, DENSO. Isao Makino, DENSO. Katrina Hall, DENSO. Donovan Pierce, DENSO. Tomoya Ishii, DENSO. Back row: April Johnston, City of Athens. Keith Price, Assessor of Property. Rob Preston, President/CEO of Athens Chamber. John Forgéty, State Representative. Lisa Harrison, Athens Chamber. Lois Preece, Niota Mayor. Austin Fesmire, City of Athens. Ann Davis, Athens Mayor. Mitch Moore, Athens City Manager. Jonathon Riggsbee, City of Athens. Yvonne Raper, Athens City Council. Bob Lambert, Etowah Utilities Board. Thom Johnson, Athens Federal. Brian Russell, Studio Four Design. Kathy Price, McMinn County Economic Development Authority. Michael O'Brien, DENSO. Anissa Ingram, Tennessee Economic Development Authority. Kevin Diegle, Studio Four Design. Cory Hartman, DENSO. Erin Holbrook, DENSO.

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Obituaries

- **Jess Willard (Jay) Toomey**, age 88, of Athens, died Wednesday at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga. He owned and operated Toomey Brothers Auto Parts for many years and later co-owned and operated Autowise Auto Parts. He worked at Hiwassee Builders Supply until his retirement and worked with his wife "Kat" in their retirement years selling and servicing Electrolux Vacuums. He served in the U.S. Merchant Marines in WWII and later in the National Guard. Funeral services were held Saturday at East Athens Baptist Church with Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in charge.
- **Doris Ann Wittenmyer**, age 68 of Athens, died Monday, April 25th, at U. T. Medical Center. She was a native of West Virginia and a resident of McMinn County for the past 18 years. She owned and operated A&N Truck Stop in Detroit, Michigan. Funeral services were held Saturday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.
- **Mildred Alice Ashburn**, age 80, of Athens, died Thursday at Sweetwater Hospital. She was a native of McMinn County. Funeral services were held Sunday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at the Cochran Cemetery in Englewood.
- **Ricky Joe Charles**, age 52 of Athens, died last Wednesday. He was an employee of Gary Bright Construction. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. at Ziegler.
- **Jackie Thompson Byrum, RN & CPN**, age 81, of Athens, died Saturday at NHC Healthcare. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.
- **Dr. Jack K. Wallace**, age 93, of Athens, died Sunday morning at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.

TODAY IN HISTORY - MAY 2nd

- 1837** - Army General Henry Robert was born. He wrote "Robert's Rules of Order," a standard guide for parliamentary rules and procedures.
- 1863** - Confederate General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was mistakenly shot by his own soldiers. He died 8 days later. His image is one of those engraved on Georgia's Stone Mountain.
- 1890** - The Oklahoma Territory was organized.
- 1932** - Jack Benny's first radio show debuted on the NBC Blue Network.
- 1939** - New York Yankees first baseman Lou Gehrig's streak of 2,130 consecutive games played came to an end when the ailing slugger removed himself from the lineup.
- 1945** - The Soviet Union announced the fall of Berlin and the Allies announced the surrender of Nazi troops in Italy and parts of Austria at the close of World War II.

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