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State & Local News

◆ SUMNER WANTS A HEALTHY DOWNTOWN

The new Athens City Manager, Seth Sumner, says the success of Athens as a city depends on local businesses. Sumner spoke at the Downtown Business Association's Annual Dinner Meeting last Thursday night, and pledged to do all he can for the Downtown area using every resource he can get his hands on. Sumner says Main Street is one of the best revitalization programs for downtown areas. Athens recently became a part of the Main Street program.



National - World News

◆ As the Senate prepares to vote on President Trump's nominee for education secretary, Betsy DeVos, Senate Democrats began their last-ditch effort to convince one more Republican to vote against her. This move could block her confirmation.

◆ A suspect is in custody for the murder of Karina Vetrano, a 30-year-old woman who was running in the Howard Beach neighborhood of Queens, New York where she was strangled on August 2. Vetrano was jogging alone on a path where she and her father often ran together.

FIRE DESTROYS HOUSE ON COUNTY RD. 274

A fire early Monday morning destroyed a residence on County Road 274. The homeowners were at home at the time of the fire. They said they were awakened by the smell of smoke and escaped without injury. The North McMinn Fire and Rescue and Niota Rural Fire Departments responded. Firefighters Jon Case and Carlos Tilley were in charge of the scene. (Photo by Niota Fire Dept)



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Tuesday - Cloudy. 90% rain & t'storms. High 62.

Tuesday Night - 80% rain. Low 53.

Wednesday - Foggy in a.m. 60% rain & t'storms. High 66.

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Athens, Tennessee

First Responders Honored

Eastanallee Baptist Church in Riceville honored First Responders in McMinn County this past Sunday night. The service included Christian comedian Tim Lovelace. Pictured with Pastor Tony Crisp are Englewood Fire Department Explorer Jalen Walker and firefighters Lynn Ingram, Luke Shepherd, and Savana Casteel.



Obituaries

♦ **Kelli Janae Parks Johnston**, age 38, of Athens, died February 2nd. She was a 1996 graduate of McMinn County High School. She was the daughter of Nancy Gilles and the late Clarence "Bud" Gilles of Athens. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in McMinn Memorial Gardens. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

♦ **Mattie Marie Presswood Walden**, age 84, of Ten Mile, died Monday at Life Care Center of Athens. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Ziegler.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 19.04 at 20,052.42. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 4.86 at 2,292.56, and The NASDAQ Composite Index was down 3.21 at 5,663.55.

♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ C&D Tires, whose building was destroyed by the November 30th tornado, has opened a second location. C&D has been operating at 1103 N. Congress Parkway since the tornado. Now, they are open as well at 1524 S. Congress Parkway behind Zaxby's. The number for both locations is 745-5560.

✓ The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum will have a Valentine's Extravaganza this Saturday, Feb. 11th, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person. For details, call the Museum at 745-0329.



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