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Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon of the United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties will be held at 12 noon today at the McMinn Senior Center. The speaker will be Matt Ryerson, President of United Ways of Tennessee.
- ✓ The Athens Public Works Department reminds residents that Friday, February 17th, is the last day of loose leaf pickups in the city. After Friday, anyone placing leaves to the road side for pickup must bag the leaves. Bagged leaves are picked up year-round during the brush/junk route pickups.
- ✓ Morning Star Ministries invites you to attend their open house next Tuesday, February 21st, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Morning Star Ministries is located at 5 McMinn Avenue in Athens. You are invited to be their guest for light refreshments and to hear them share how God has blessed them.
- ✓ The annual Arts Gala sponsored by the Athens Area Council for the Arts Auxiliary will be held on Saturday, March 11th, at The Arts Center. There will be a silent auction, hors d'oeuvres and dinner. The Tim Hughes Quartet will perform while guests peruse the auction items. Tickets are \$75 per person, and advanced reservations are required.
- ✓ Camp Living Stones will have its 2017 Pig Roast on Saturday, Feb. 25th, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for kids. There will be zip lines, games, and music. Camp Living Stones is located at 534 County Rd. 876, Englewood.

National - World News

- ◆ Andrew Puzder withdrew his name from consideration for Labor Secretary Wednesday afternoon amid mounting controversy over his high-profile divorce and his business background in the fast-food industry.
- ◆ The Republican-led Senate has voted to abolish an Obama administration regulation that prevented people with mental disorders from being able to purchase a firearm. Critics say the rule was too broad and unfairly stigmatized the disabled.
- ◆ An American Eagle Airlines plane hit a deer while departing Charlotte-Douglas International Airport in North Carolina Wednesday afternoon. No one was injured, and the plane returned to the airport safely.
- ◆ In the first real blow to Obamacare, the IRS says it will follow President Trump's directive to ease up on the Affordable Care Act's requirement that everyone have health care or pay a penalty. Since Obamacare went into effect, tax filers were required to indicate on line 61 of their 1040 forms whether they have health coverage. Those who said they did not have health insurance faced a financial penalty. The IRS had planned to start rejecting returns this year on which the line was left blank. Now, though, the IRS says it will process such returns. The new policy leaves Obamacare's insurance requirement on the books, but it will be hard to enforce if taxpayers no longer have to disclose whether or not they have health coverage.



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FCA STUDENT WINS CONTEST

Kyle David Herrell, a senior at Fairview Christian Academy, has won the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest for the Alexander Keith Chapter TNDAR in Athens. Also, Kyle is the TNDAR State Winner. TNDAR is the Tennessee Daughters of the American Revolution.



Obituaries

- ♦ **Gertrude Smith Kilpatrick**, age 93, of Athens, died Wednesday at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Seth Johnson**, age 22, of Englewood, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center. He had been a home school student. He attended Englewood First Church of God, where he loved to sing hymns and share the pictures he had colored with all his friends. He was a true prayer warrior, consistently asking others to pray with him. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Eastanallee Baptist Church, with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. at the church. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Lester Lee Ricker**, age 51, of Spring City, died Tuesday at his home. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Thursday at Bowers Funeral Home in Decatur, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

ATHENS SCHOOL BOARD NEEDS APPLICANTS

Applicants are needed for the vacancy on the Athens School Board. The latest vacancy occurred after Chris Liner had to resign because he moved out of the city. The deadline for applying for the position is March 3rd at noon. The School Board will decide at its March 13th meeting whether to schedule applicants for public interviews or to extend the application deadline. The Board could vote on a new member at the May 8th monthly meeting.



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TODAY IN HISTORY - FEBRUARY 16th

- 1741** - Benjamin Franklin published America's second magazine, "The General Magazine and Historical Chronicle".
- 1903** - Edgar John Bergen was born in Chicago. He had the ability to project his voice from place to place. With the help of a professional ventriloquist, he developed his talent and had a dummy made that he named Charlie McCarthy. The pair became stars of movies and radio.
- 1920** - Singer Patty Andrews was born. She and her three sisters sang as the Andrews Sisters and had many hit records during the 1940's and early 1950's.
- 1923** - The burial chamber of King Tutankhamen's recently unearthed tomb was unsealed in Egypt.
- 1935** - Sonny Bono was born. He married Cher, and they had several hit records in the mid-1960's. He later served as mayor of Palm Springs, California, and was elected to Congress. He died in a skiing accident in 1998 at the age of 62.
- 1959** - Fidel Castro became Premier of Cuba.