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Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ PAYING IT FORWARD TO CHUCK BURRIS

Athens Mayor Chuck Burris is this week's *Pay It Forward* recipient from News Channel 9 in Chattanooga. Burris is also chief of the McMinn County Rescue Squad. A member of the squad, Andrew Hardy, nominated him to receive the \$500 Pay It Forward award for his service to the community following the tornado that hit McMinn County last November 30th. Burris worked virtually night and day during the days following the tornado. The award was presented at the Rescue Squad building. Athens City Manager C. Seth Sumner was in on the surprise. Sumner and Burris were riding around looking at various projects in the city when a page came over the radio for Burris to go to headquarters. When he arrived, about a dozen rescue squad members were waiting to surprise him. In the photo: (L-R) Hardy, Sumner, and Burris. (Photo courtesy of Newschannel9.com)



National & World News

◆ At least four people were killed Tuesday when a CSX train crashed into a charter bus in Biloxi, Mississippi. The bus was pushed 200 feet down the track after the train crashed into it. It is unclear why the bus was stopped on the tracks. More fatalities are expected.

◆ Indigenous rights activists erected a tipi camp beside the Washington Monument in the nation's capital Tuesday as part of a multi-day protest against the Dakota Access oil pipeline.

ETOWAH CHAMBER WINNERS

The annual awards were presented at Tuesday night's Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce banquet. The R. Frank McKinney Distinguished Service Award went to Cat Pate. The Joe Quirk Educator of the Year Award was presented to Kay Harper. Russ Blair was named Business Person of the Year.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Historic Preservation Commission will meet on Thursday, March 9th, at 3:30 p.m. in the Athens Municipal Building Conference Room to continue unfinished business from the March 2nd meeting.

✓ In lieu of the regularly scheduled March meeting, the McMinn County Commission will hold its annual Strategic Planning Session at the McMinn County Airport this Friday, March 10th, at 6 p.m.

WOMEN at the WELL BANQUET
FRIDAY, MARCH 17 6:30pm
at Woodward Church of God
507 Woodward Ave., Athens
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More Info.. 745-0010

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Ribbon Cut for Starr Mtn. Outfitters

A ribbon cutting was held recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Starr Mountain Outfitters, at 601 Tennessee Ave. in Etowah. Front Row: (L-R) Cheryl Bressler (Chamber Diplomat), Jarin and Jansen Cass (sons of owners), Scott and Amy Cass (owners), Jessi Young (employee), Gail Cass (cousin of owner), Lisa Harrison (Diplomat), Moises Contreras (Chamber Chairman). Back row: Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Kathy Price (McMinn Co. Economic Development Authority), Robin Manis (Crye-Leike Realtors), Cat Pate (Etowah Gentle Dental), Mark Cochran (Assistant to McMinn Co. Mayor).

(Photo by Kay Simmons)



Obituaries

♦ **Martha Elizabeth Richardson Martin**, age 81, of Athens, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. She and her late husband, Dick, were former owners of the Sweetwater IGA. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

♦ **Pad E. Nunley**, age 79, of Athens, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center. He was a former member of the McMinn County Rescue Squad. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

♦ **Jackie Paul Gunter**, age 75, of Englewood, died Monday at his residence. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

♦ **Eddie Dean Wright**, age 67, of Athens, died Monday at his residence. He was a former employee of Bowater for over 30 years. The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 29.58 at 20,924.76. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 6.92 at 2,368.39, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 15.25 at 5,833.93.



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