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Friday, March 17, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

## President Trump Visits Nashville

President Trump paid a visit to Nashville on Wednesday. He spoke to an over-flow crowd of thousands at the Municipal Auditorium. Before that, he spoke to an invitation-only group at The Hermitage, which was President Andrew Jackson's home. Both state Senator Mike Bell of Riceville and state Rep. John Forgety of McMinn County were there. Sen. Bell said it was the first time he had ever seen a president up close. Bell says he was about 75 feet away from the president as he spoke at The Hermitage.

(Photo courtesy of Senator Bell)



## National & World News

- ◆ A 10-year-old boy died in Pendleton, New York on Wednesday after becoming trapped in a pile of snow. Investigators believe the boy was digging a tunnel into the snow pile when it collapsed on him.
- ◆ Police say a 60-year-old man suspected of allegedly shooting and injuring two Detroit police officers fired at the two policemen "unprovoked" with the apparent intention of killing them. The suspect was arrested late Wednesday blocks from the scene on Detroit's west side where he had earlier opened fire on the two officers.
- ◆ An Alabama woman managed to escape from a reported robbery and kidnapping incident on Tuesday by jumping out of the trunk of a moving vehicle. She told police that the suspect forced her to get into the trunk of a car after she told him that she did not have any money.

### UNEMPLOYMENT GOES UP IN AREA

The unemployment rate in Southeast Tennessee went up in every county in January. The McMinn County jobless rate was 6.4% in January, up from 5.6% from December. In Meigs County, the unemployment rate in January was 7.7%, up from 6.6% in December. Monroe County's jobless rate in January was 6.3%, up from 5.5% in December. In Bradley County, the unemployment rate was 5.3% in January, and Polk County's jobless rate was 7.0% in January.

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## Church News and Events

- ✓ The Prom Shop at Christ Community Church on S. Congress Parkway in Athens will be open tomorrow, March 18th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be free formal attire for any girl or guy wishing to attend their prom or dance.
- ✓ Ascension Life will have its Spring Worship Night Saturday, March 18th, at 7 p.m. Music will be presented by the Ascension Band and Friends. The church is located at 935 Rocky Mount Road.
- ✓ Nonaburg House of Prayer will have its Monthly Singing Night on March 25th at 7 p.m., with music by the Schofields.
- ✓ The Athens Christian Church will have its Annual Ladies Brunch on Saturday, March 25th, starting at 11 a.m. at the church, 802 South Matlock Avenue. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- ✓ The Lane Chapel Church will celebrate Choir Day on March 26th at 3 p.m.
- ✓ Voice of Deliverance Ministry invites you to their Friends and Family Day to be held on Sunday, March 26th, at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Dinner will be served from 1 to 3:30. The church is located at 520 Old Riceville Road, Athens.
- ✓ St. Mark AME Zion Church will celebrate Annual Usher Day on April 9th at 3:30 p.m.

## Obituaries

- ♦ **Lynda Jewell Turner Byrum**, age 70, of Etowah, died Wednesday at Starr Regional Medical Center in Etowah. She was a former employee of Plastic Industries. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at McMinn Memory Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Dean Francis Kowelson**, age 74, of Athens, died Thursday at his home. He was an MP in the Air Force. He retired from Kidde in 2010. There will be no formal visitation or service. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Carol Scruggs**, age 51, of Athens, died Thursday at her home. Arrangements will be announced by M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home.
- ♦ **June Arden Cline**, age 81, of Niota, died Wednesday at her home. She operated Semi-trucks for over 30 years with her husband and was an employee of Walmart for 20 years. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs.
- ♦ **Eula Mae Huggins**, age 87, of Englewood, died Thursday. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Mars Hill Cemetery. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Kathryn Jaquish Engebretsen**, age 60, of St. George, Utah, died Tuesday at her home. Local arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens.

### ♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ Next week is Spring Break in the McMinn County, Athens City, Etowah City, and Christ's Legacy Academy schools.
- ✓ Spring Break is coming to E.G. Fisher Public Library. Children are invited to the library this coming Monday for the "Dinosaur Egg Scavenger Hunt in the Wetlands" at 2 p.m. You'll be able to follow clues to the dinosaur eggs.



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