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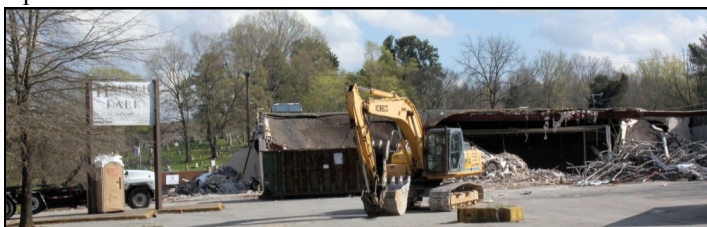
Thursday, March 30, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ DEMOLITION STARTS FOR FOOD CITY

Demolition has begun on some of the buildings in the Madison Park Shopping Center to make way for the new Food City supermarket. The first building to go is the former Badcock Furniture building pictured below. Athens Utilities Board will be relocating sewer lines, and that will require some street closings. Hill Street will be closed from Young Street to Bank Street beginning April 3rd, and continuing through May 1st. Park Street will be closed from Hill Street to White Street...Church Street will be closed from Bank Street to Park Street...and Glendale Street will be closed from Hill Street to Park Street from April 4th through April 12th.



National - World News

- ◆ President Donald Trump's eldest daughter, Ivanka Trump, announced yesterday that she will take an official position in her father's administration. Ivanka Trump will be a special assistant to the president but will not receive any salary.
- ◆ United Kingdom Prime Minister Theresa May has triggered Article 50, formally starting the process for Britain to leave the European Union. The U.K. will have to pay the EU when it finally leaves the union, which will be subject to negotiations.
- ◆ After spending weeks supporting and lobbying for a Republican-backed health care plan, President Donald Trump told a gathering of U.S. senators Tuesday night that they were "going to make a deal on health care."

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ BuzzWord (a spelling bee for grown ups) will take place this Friday at 7 p.m. at the Athens City Middle School auditorium. Several teams from banks, civic clubs, schools, and even a team of Methodist pastors will take part. Admission is \$5 per person. Proceeds will benefit the McMinn County Education Foundation. More community news on page 2

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at Eastanallee Baptist Church
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Our members will showcase the business and products they offer our community. There will be NO sales, only samples and information! Event is FREE. We hope to see you there!

Empty on Easter

Thursday, March 30, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

NIOTA POLICE CHIEF RETIRES

The longtime police chief of Niota, June Parham, has announced her plans to retire. Her retirement will be effective in June. She has spent 31 years in law enforcement, including serving twice as the Etowah police chief. She has been chief for seven years in Niota. Her late husband, Joel, also served as the Niota police chief.



ROBERTSON RECEIVES VIVID AWARD

Jason Robertson is the recipient of this month's VIVID (Very Important Volunteer Individual) Award presented by the Athens City Council. Robertson was honored for volunteering his construction company's equipment and manpower in the aftermath of the tornado damage on Highway 307.

Obituaries

♦ **Anna Kay Jack Gay**, age 78, of Englewood, died Tuesday at her residence. A Celebration of Life and Homegoing will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Athens Free Saints Holiness Church, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church. Serenity Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Robyn Lynn Akins Blankenship**, age 61, of Athens, died Tuesday at her residence. She had worked for Southeastern and Averitt Express Freight Companies. Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks finished mixed, with a rally in energy shares doing most of the heavy lifting. In economic news, oil prices rose to the highest level in over a week as inventory data signal strong demand. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 42.18 at 20,659.32. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 2.56 at 2,361.13, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 22.41 at 5,897.55.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ Tennessee Wesleyan University presents Music On the Lawn this evening at 6. You are invited to enjoy an evening of music, and more on the Wesley Commons lawn. (See ad below, left)
- ✓ The McMinn Historical Society will have its April meeting this coming Sunday, April 2nd, at 2 p.m. in the Blue Room of the Courthouse. The program will be presented by David McReynolds, who is a student of the Civil War.



Student Activities Board presents

Music ON THE Lawn

THURSDAY, MARCH 30 - 6:00 PM

Join us for an evening of great music, inflatables & popcorn on Wesley Commons Lawn, TWU Campus

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You are Cordially Invited to Join Us for a Retirement Reception in Honor of

Joan Hicks

Friday, March 31, 2017

Drop in between 2-4 p.m.

Athens Federal Community Bank

Athens Main Downtown Branch

106 Washington Avenue in Athens

Following 26 years of service at Athens Federal, Joan has announced her retirement beginning April 1.

The community is invited to stop by for refreshments and to bid congratulations and best wishes to Joan on this important milestone.

