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Monday, April 24, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

Local & Area News

◆ TRACTOR SLIDES DOWN EMBANKMENT

There were no injuries last Friday afternoon when an Athens Public Works tractor slid down an embankment on South White Street across from the Save-A-Lot. Interim Police Chief Rob Davis says the tractor with a side mower was mowing next to the steep bank along the sidewalk. The rear tire got too far off the side, and the tractor slid down the embankment toward the creek. The tractor came to rest against a rock, and that prevented it from going into the creek. Davis says the operator was a bit shaken up but was not injured.

◆ DEMOLITION CONTINUES

Crews continue to demolish buildings in the Madison Park Shopping Center to make way for the new Food City store. The photo below shows the end of the shopping center where the barber shop had been located. Hill and Church Streets remain closed.



NOTICE: The McMinn County and Meigs County Schools will be closed Monday due to flooded roads.

National & World News

◆ Erin Moran, the former child star who played Joanie "Cunningham in the sitcom "Happy Days" died Saturday at age 56 at her home in Indiana. →



◆ American Airlines has grounded a male flight attendant who got into a verbal confrontation with a passenger after the flight attendant took a baby stroller away from another passenger.

◆ Traffic on I-75 at the Hiwassee River on the McMinn-Bradley County line was blocked Saturday night after an empty barge broke loose from the dock at Olin during a heavy storm and began floating down the river toward the I-75 bridge. The barge was secured before it reached the bridge.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Athens Civitan Club is selling Vidalia onions. The cost is \$10 for a 10 lb. bag. To place an order, call Jo Lundy at 745-6680, extension 103.
- ✓ The Cherokee Beekeepers Association will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, April 25th, at 7 p.m. at AgCentral Co-op. The topics are "first year beekeeping, swarm prevention, and splits."
- ✓ The guest on the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce weekly radio show, "Chamber Chat," this week will be Kelly Hockman of Sweet & Sassy. Hear Chamber Chat every Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio FM-94.5 and AM-1390.

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FCA "Rings" Out First Place

Fairview Christian Academy handbell ringers were winners in recent state competition in Murfreesboro. The Senior High Handbell Ensemble won 1st place at the Tennessee Association of Christian Schools State Fine Arts Competition. They are pictured below, left to right, front row: Rachel Newberry, Ashley Rogers, Kira Dempsey, Allie Mason, Lauren Herrell, and Sandy McElhaney. Back row: Jackson Heinricy, Tucker Medders, Jonathan Garrison, John Williams, Jacob Dempsey, James Williams, Andrew Ranck, Connor Roberts, & Benjamin Johnson. (Photo by Fairview Christian Academy)



Obituaries

- ♦ **Wanda Diane Collins Tindle**, age 57, of Athens, died last Friday at Erlanger. She was associated with Etowah Health Care for over 32 years having served as Laundry and House-keeping Supervisor. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.
- ♦ **Martin Lee Hicks**, 69, of Athens, died Sunday at his home. He retired from AUB after 38 years of service. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Charles "Charlie" Cass**, age 77, of Englewood, died Friday at his residence. He had been a well-known car dealer for 58 years and was the owner of Charlie's Used Cars in Englewood. Funeral services were held Saturday night at Bordwine Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Johnny Eugene Powell**, age 78, of Decatur, died last Friday. He served in the Meigs County government in various roles including Trustee, County Executive, and Tax Assessor. He was also a farmer. Funeral services were held Sunday night at Bowers Funeral Home. Interment will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Beta Cemetery.
- ♦ **Brodie Noel Weir, Jr.**, age 77, of Athens, died last Thursday at Tennova Healthcare of Cleveland. He was a retired conductor with CSX Railroad with 28 years of service. At his request there will be no formal services. Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

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 Saturday
 (10am-4pm)

Tours:
 Members: Free
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 Adults \$5
 Students/Seniors \$3

Upcoming Events

Trash & Treasure Sale THIS week!

April 25: Premiere Night \$10

April 26 - April 29 (free)

Location: 276 Dennis Street

"Ikebana Classes"

Every Friday in May (10 AM -12 Noon)

(5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th)

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