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Local & Area News

◆ THIEVES STEAL CHARITY'S VEGGIES

Coordinated Charities on Rocky Mount Road is growing vegetables in raised gardens and giving them to needy people in the area again this year. Last week, thieves stole most of the plants, including tomato plants, cabbage plants, and even herb plants. The photo below shows that all they left behind was the mulch where the plants were growing. Coordinated Charities Executive Director Kevin Lane laments, "Well, I can't put chains around tomato plants." Lane says they'll set out more plants and hope the thieves will leave them alone this time.



National & World News

◆ President Trump's choice for Army Secretary has withdrawn. Republican state Senator Mark Green of Tennessee stepped aside due to growing criticism over remarks he had made to a Tea Party gathering about Muslims, and gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender Americans. Green calls the criticism "false and misleading attacks."

◆ Country singer Loretta Lynn remains hospitalized in Nashville after suffering a stroke at her home. She is 85 and is expected to make a full recovery.

◆ The Georgia Department of Transportation says it hopes to have I-85 open again by Memorial Day, if not sooner. A bridge on busy I-85 in Atlanta collapsed due to a fire beneath the bridge in March.

◆ Pinnacle Foods, Inc., is recalling Aunt Jemima frozen pancakes, waffles, and French toast because they might be contaminated with Listeria. Retailers have been notified so they can remove the products from store shelves.



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Doing the "Maggie Strut"

The MooFest/Wetlands Festival was held this past Saturday at the Wetlands and the big field next to the Mayfield Dairy Plant. The temperatures were chilly, even though the skies were partly sunny. The photo below shows Maggie, the Mayfield Cow, and Ricky, the Keep McMinn Beautiful Raccoon, keeping warm by doing the Maggie Strut.

(Photo by Cheri Harrison)



Obituaries

♦ **Jake Tipton Haney**, age 87, of Englewood, died Friday at Bradley Healthcare in Cleveland. He was retired from Plastic Industries after 25 years of service. Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at First Church of God in Englewood, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Loretta Lillard Sliger**, age 69, of Englewood, died Saturday at UT Medical Center. She was McMinn County Election Administrator for 31 years before retiring. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

♦ **Clota Elaine Daugherty Mason**, age 72, of Etowah, died last Wednesday. A private graveside service will be held at a later date. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **William C. Willis, Jr.**, age 93, of Athens, died Sunday at Erlanger. Laycock-Hobbs will announce arrangements.

♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The next Tennessee River Seed Library Organic Gardening Workshop at the E.G. Fisher Public Library will be this Thursday, May 11th, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The topic will be "small space consideration." The workshop is free.

✓ The annual United Way Day of Caring will be Thursday, May 18th. It's not too late to sign up to volunteer. Contact the United Way office in Athens at 745-9606 or text CARING2017 50503. Volunteers will spend the day working at member agencies.

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