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"CC Garden is Back In Business!" National - World News

A few days ago, we reported that someone had stolen plants from the raised gardens next to the Coordinated Charities building on Rocky Mount Road. Executive Director Kevin Lane now reports that the McMinn County FFA replaced the stolen plants with plants left over from their yearly greenhouse sale. Lane says cash donations from the community will be used to replace the herb plants that were also taken. The photo below shows: (L-R) McMinn FFA President Kasey Harman, Kevin Lane, and Assistant Coordinator Annette Cansler.



- ◆ A North Carolina high school student was arrested Tuesday in connection with a backpack police found containing several dangerous contraband items including knives, a bottle of flammable liquid, fireworks, a dismantled shotgun shell and a "hit list".
- ◆ President Trump met with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov Wednesday, in a meeting at the White House. Topics of discussion were Syria, Iran and Ukraine. Before meeting with Trump, Lavrov met with Secretary of State Rex Tillerson.
- ◆ U.S. stocks were mixed on Wednesday, and the Nasdaq closed at a new record high as investors digest the firing of FBI director James Comey. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 32.67 at 20,943.11. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 2.71 at 2,399.63, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 8.56 at 6,129.14.

ATHENS SCHOOL BOARD SEAT FILLED

The vacant seat on the Athens City School Board has been filled. The Board voted to give the post to Abby Burke, an Athens attorney. She was one of four people who applied for the seat that became vacant when Chris Liner moved outside the Athens city limits.

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Law Office Cuts Ribbon

A ribbon cutting celebration was held recently for The Law Offices of Andrew E. Bateman at 114½ East Washington Avenue in Athens. Joining the celebration were: (L-R) Edward Goodman (A. Goodman Productions), Fred Burke (Athens Federal Community Bank), C. Seth Sumner (Athens City Manager), Rob Preston (Athens Chamber President/CEO), Cheryl Ingram (McMinn Co. Register of Deeds), Sarah Gray (Practice Manager), Joy Early (McMinn Co. Mayor's Office), Phil Tuggle (McMinn Co. Trustee), Connie Woodcock (Chamber Diplomat), Kelly Blassingame (Athens Federal), Vanessa Bateman (Wife of Andrew), Andrew E. Bateman (Attorney, Owner), Joshua R. Nunnally (Attorney), Lisa Harrison (Chamber Diplomat), Kristi Clenney (East-West Media), Lisa Dotson (Main Street Athens), Debbie Loftis (Athens Federal), Dick Pelley (Athens City Council)



Obituaries

♦ **Robert Ray Long, Jr.**, age 74, of Athens, died Tuesday at his home. He was a Navy veteran and retired from Midland-Ross after 40 years of service. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler.

♦ **Earl David Brown**, age 54, of Ten Mile, died Monday. The family will gather to celebrate his life on Saturday, May 20th, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Beulah's Chapel Church of the Nazarene, 270 County Road 231, Highway 68, Niota. Bowers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Jackie Lee McKinney**, age 63, of Athens, died Tuesday at his home. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Private family services will be held later. Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Athens Utilities Board will flush water lines and fire hydrants throughout the city beginning at 4 p.m. this Friday, May 12th. If it is raining heavily, the crews will flush Saturday evening instead. AUB's Wayne Scarbrough says because the season flush last October was skipped, it is possible that water customers could see some discoloration. The discoloration is not dangerous, but could stain clothes. Scarbrough suggests that you avoid washing clothes during the flushing and on Saturday following the work. There may also be low water pressure at times during the flushing work.

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