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## STATE & LOCAL NEWS

### ◆ THE ATHENS PIGFOOT HUNT CONTINUES

You've probably heard about the elusive pot-bellied pig that is on the loose in Athens. The pig has been spotted in Keith Meadows, Matlock Avenue, and near Starr Regional Medical Center. Monday morning, the pig was sighted at the red light in front of the hospital. Brandi McKee Bridwell took this photo in the field across from the hospital. The Athens Animal Control officer has been putting out dog traps in an effort to catch the pig, which has been rooting up lawns. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency says it does not deal with domesticated pigs.



## National & World News

◆ There's another candidate in the Republican primary for governor of Tennessee. Beth Harwell, Speaker of the House of Representatives, has announced she is running. She says she and her colleagues are the only legislature in the U.S. to eliminate three taxes: the death tax, gift tax, and a phase out of the Hall Income Tax.

◆ A 4-year-old boy was hit by a pickup truck and seriously injured after the child rode a wave on the beach at Ormond Beach, Florida, too close to a traffic lane.

◆ Winnie the Pooh is the latest cartoon character to be banned on the Internet in China. Apparently, bloggers have been comparing Pooh to China's president. In the past, Spongebob SquarePants, Mickey Mouse, and Pokémon were banned from Chinese television.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens City Council holds its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. today at the Municipal Building. The public is welcome to attend.

✓ Mayfield Creamery is celebrating National Ice Cream month this Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Athens Mayfield Visitor Center. There will be free single scoops of Mayfield Vanilla or Chocolate ice cream for everyone.

✓ Freezer Meal Friday this week will teach you how to prepare Creamy Shrimp Skewers and Chicken Alfredo. The cost is \$7. Call 745-2852 to register for this week's class at the UT Extension Office-McMinn.

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## New Cherokee Heritage Brochure

The Tennessee Overhill Heritage Association is celebrating the release of its Native American & Cherokee Heritage Brochure. The brochure features three Cherokee legends that took place along the Little Tennessee River, the "Trail of Tears" routes of the North Carolina Cherokee Removal, the Belltown Massacre, the Unicoi Turnpike Trail, Tellico Blockhouse, Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, Fort Loudoun, Fort Marr, Nancy Ward's Grave, and much more. For a free copy of the brochure, call 263-7232. Pictured below are Cat Pate on the left and Nancy Dalton on the right reviewing the new brochure.



## Obituaries

♦ **James "Jim" Ernest Wright**, age 67, of Riceville, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. He was a member of Local Labor Union #846, Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

♦ **Randal Dale Carroll**, age 56, of Etowah, died Monday at his residence. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.

### ◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library will have a Tea Party Closing Celebration for its summer reading program tomorrow at 1 p.m. at the L&N Depot. Pirates and Mermaids is this year's theme. Light refreshments will be served, and reading certificates and prizes will be awarded.

✓ The Athens Area Council for the Arts currently has an exhibit titled *Surface Geographics: An Altered Point of View*, showing work by Johnson City artist and graphic designer, Nancy Fishman. The exhibit is at The Arts Center, 320 North White Street, through August 25th. The Opening Reception is this Friday at 5:30 p.m.

✓ The Spouses of Veterans with PTSD Support Group holds its monthly meeting at 6:30 tonight at Athens Lutheran Church. For information, call 744-1605.



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