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Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ PELLEY OUSTED AS VICE-MAYOR

The Athens City Council has voted to remove Councilman Dick Pelley from the position of vice-mayor and to strip him of his committee assignments. The council took the action in response to allegations of sexually inappropriate comments Pelley made to the Athens HR Director, Nina Edmonds, and comments he made at a City Council planning meeting. Pelley started Monday's special called meeting by issuing a public apology. He also agreed to attend sensitivity training. He moved that the allegations against him be dismissed, but the motion failed for lack of a second.

◆ ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE SPLASHPAD

The Athens City Council has approved a resolution that will result in an additional \$166,000 of state funding for the Splashpad at Athens Regional Park at no additional cost to the city. The necessary paperwork will delay the opening of the Splashpad by 30 to 50 days. However, Parks Director Austin Fesmire says if everything goes as planned, the Splashpad will be open in late summer and will be one of the largest, if not the largest, in the state.

National & World News

◆ Barbara Bush, former first lady of the United States, passed away Tuesday, April 17, at the age of 92. Mrs. Bush served as the country's First Lady from 1989 to 1993.

◆ One person has died after a Southwest plane engine failed in midair on Tuesday. This is the first accidental domestic airline fatality in nine years. The flight was en route from New York City's LaGuardia International Airport to Dallas Love Field and was forced to make an emergency landing at the Philadelphia International Airport Tuesday morning.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly Business Before Hours at Companion Funeral & Cremation Service of Athens, 400 South White Street, Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

✓ The McMinn County Sheriff's Office will hold a Domestic Violence Class at Allen Memorial United Methodist Church Thursday night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. (That is a correction on the time)

✓ A "Pop Up Art Show" featuring original fine art by the Community Artist League will be held this Friday from 6 to 10 p.m. at Angela's Cuban Restaurant at 509 W. Madison Avenue. All 4 x 6 works are \$20 each.

2 DUDES BBQ

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THURSDAY: LOUDON 10:30 - 2:00
FRIDAY: SWEETWATER 10:30-2:00

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BEST BEST

The Gem Players "Death of a Doornale" Mystery Comedy Dessert Show opens on May 4, 5, 11, & 12 at 7:30 p.m. and May 6 & 13 at 2:30 p.m. at the L&N Depot. Reservations are required and seating is limited. Tickets \$15. Reserve tickets at 423-263-3270 or purchase at Johnson's Dept. Store in Etowah or Town Square in Cleveland.

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Obituaries

♦ **Betty Ruth Burger Ledford**, age 82, of Athens, died Tuesday at Starr Regional Medical Center in Etowah. Arrangements will be announced later by Ziegler Funeral Home.

TODAY IN HISTORY - APRIL 18TH

1775 - Paul Revere began his ride from Charlestown to Lexington, Mass., warning American colonists that the British were coming.

1923 - The first baseball game was played at Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, with New York beating the Boston Red Sox 4-1.

1942 - An air squadron led by Lt. Col. James H. Doolittle raided Tokyo and other Japanese cities.

1955 - Physicist Albert Einstein died at age 76.

1978 - The U.S. Senate approved the Panama Canal Treaty, providing for the complete turnover of control of the waterway to Panama on the last day of 1999.

1983 - A suicide bomber killed 63 people, including 17 Americans, at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon.

1989 - Thousands of Chinese students demanding democracy tried to storm Communist Party headquarters in Beijing.

Home Sales for March

Tennessee Valley Appraisal Services reports there were 45 sales of single family homes in McMinn County in March. A sampling of those sales is listed below:

County Road 581, Athens -	\$510,000
County Road 1120, Athens -	\$425,000
County Road 60, Athens -	\$319,900
County Road 1150, Riceville -	\$234,000
County Road 110, Athens -	\$228,000
Highway 11, Riceville -	\$200,000
County Road 584, Englewood -	\$183,000
County Road 362, Niota -	\$172,000
Hill Top Drive, Niota -	\$169,900
County Road 875, Etowah -	\$168,000
James Street, Athens -	\$160,000
County Road 114, Athens -	\$155,000
County Road 149, Riceville -	\$155,000
County Road 711, Athens -	\$148,500
County Road 332, Athens -	\$145,000
Cedar Springs Road, Athens -	\$140,000
Francis Street, Athens -	\$135,000
County Road 750, Calhoun -	\$134,000



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