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Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ THE BIG FLAG IS FLYING AGAIN

The huge American flag is flying again at I-75 Exit 49. The flag has been out of commission for three weeks due to motor, cable, and hal-yard issues. Repairs were made and the flag was raised this past weekend. Soldiers from the National Guard MP Post 253 in Lenoir City assisted the American Legion. Photo by American Legion Commander Dick Pelly.



◆ GOV. LEE INCLUDES FUNDS FOR CENTER

A new McMinn County Higher Education Center may soon become a reality. Tennessee Governor Bill Lee delivered his first State of the State address and presented budget priorities to a joint session of the General Assembly in the House Chamber last night. Included in the budget is \$14.23 million to build a new 51,500 square foot building in McMinn County. It will house classes for the Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) at Athens, Cleveland State Community College and the UT Ag Extension. The colleges will partner with local industries to train workers in skills needed for area jobs. State Senator Mike Bell and State Representative Mark Cochran said in a joint release that the new center will create tremendous opportunities for the region.

Community News You Can Use

✓ Main Street Athens and the Downtown Business Association are sponsoring Daffodil Days Downtown the week of March 18th -23rd. They are asking business owners to purchase a pot of daffodils and put them in a pot outside your business or plant them in the flower beds near you. A pot of 6-8 daffodils is \$6.50 plus tax paid to the Athens Flower Shop. The deadline for ordering is March 7th. Call Elaine at 506-9301 to place an order. Checks should be made out to Main Street.

✓ The official 2019 Tennessee State Maps are now available for travelers. The maps are free. Just mail your request to: Tennessee Department of Transportation; 505 Deaderick Street; James K. Polk Building, Suite 900; Nashville, TN 37243-1402.

✓ An educational session for people dealing with relapsing or progressive multiple sclerosis will be held on March 12th at Michael's Casual Dining in Athens. The session will be led by Dr. David Brandes from the Hope MS Center. Call (844) 627-3887 to register since space is limited.

✓ This Thursday, March 7th, is Teen Coding Night at the E.G. Fisher Public Library. The program is open to teens grades 6 through 12. They will be able to create their own video game using the Scratch coding system. Participants will work on creating a multilevel video game that can be accessed from a home computer after the program. A computer coding professional will be available for teens to chat with.



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WEATHER FORECAST

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, High 40.

Tue Night: Clear and cold. Low 18.

Wednesday: Sunny. High 42.

Wed Night: Clear and cold. Low 20.

Thursday: 41% rain. High 52.
More Weather at: wysi.com

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Obituaries

♦ **Debra Sue Cross**, age 58, of Athens, died Sunday at her home. The family will hold a private memorial service at a later date. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

♦ **Lillian Dale (Wallace) Proctor**, age 92, died Sunday in Knoxville. She was born in Etowah, Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Green Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Linda Kay Nelson Rue**, age 77, of Athens, died Monday at Tennova Healthcare of Cleveland. She was a CNA in several nursing homes. Funeral services will be 7 p.m. Thursday at Miracle Deliverance Tabernacle, with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Tabernacle. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Jeffery E. Sliger**, age 51, of Decatur, and formerly of Athens, died Monday at Parkwest Medical Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.

MORE FROM THE ATHENS MUNICIPAL CODE TRESPASSING ON TRAINS: It is unlawful for any person to climb, jump, step, stand upon, or cling to any locomotive engine or railroad car in Athens unless he works for the railroad or is a lawful passenger.

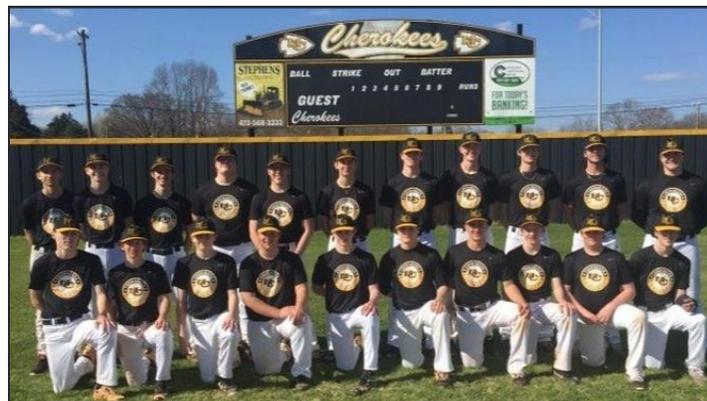
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CAVES, WELLS, CISTERNS: Anyone who owns property having a cave, well, or cistern on it which is dangerous to life and limb must have an adequate cover or safeguard.

It's Baseball Time

The McMinn County High School Cherokees baseball team opens its season next Monday, March 11th, by traveling to Ooltewah. The first home game will be March 12, also against Ooltewah. Ooltewah is a district opponent. Both games start at 4 p.m. The regular season goes through April 26th when the Cherokees will host McMinn Central. That will also be Senior Night. The District Tournament will be held May 1st through May 9th at Soddy-Daisy High School. Matt Ray is Head Coach, and Adam Ray and Rodney Biddle are assistant coaches. The 2019 team is pictured below.

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