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Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ **EXCURSION TRAIN GETS DEFIBRILLATOR**
Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens has presented the Tennessee Overhill Heritage Association with an AED defibrillator to be kept on the Hiwassee River Rail Adventure excursion train. This will help them comply with the safety resource concerns of Polk County officials. The 2019 train season begins on March 23rd with a trip to Copperhill. The photo shows, left to right, Chris Brown (Starr Regional's Chief Operations Officer), David Alley (Chief Financial Officer), Nancy Dalton (Tennessee Overhill Tourism Coordinator), Ronnie Hall (Chief Nursing Officer), Dave Stoika (Train Conductor), Mark Nichols (Starr CEO), and Scott Schroeder (Executive Director of Tennessee Overhill)



(Photo from Nancy Dalton)

Running for Solar Lights

The Athens Parks and Recreation Department hosted its 2nd Annual Shamrock Shuffle 5K and one-mile Fun Run this past Saturday at the Eureka Trail. Ninety people from children to seniors participated. The Shamrock Shuffle is an annual fundraiser to help raise money to install solar safety lights on the trail. Many of the participants showed their colors since it was St. Patrick's Day weekend. (Photo by Greg Moses)



◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Athens City Council holds its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. today at the Municipal Building.
- ✓ Controlled burns will be take place this week in the South Cherokee National Forest in Polk County and in the Tellico Ranger District in Monroe County. Smoke may be visible in the area.



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Obituaries

♦ **Xavier Antonio Noland** ("Xman") ("Zay"), age 25, of Athens, died March 14th in a Chattanooga hospital from injuries received in a traffic wreck in February. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens. The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m.

♦ **Charles Tony Carver**, age 59, of Niota, died Saturday at Turkey Creek Medical Center. He was a former employee of Athens Furniture Company and Heil Corporation. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

♦ **Penny Duncan**, age 52, of Etowah, died Sunday. She worked at Creative Foam. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks rose ahead of this week's Federal Reserve meeting in which investors expect the Fed to hold interest rates steady. Energy, consumer discretionary and financial services sectors were leaders, while communication services and utilities sectors lagged. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 65 points or 0.3% to 25,914. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 10 points or 0.4% to 2,833, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 26 points or 0.3% to 7,714.

More Local & Area News

♦ TRUCKER KILLED IN I-75 CRASH

Robert Winn, 69, of El Paso, Texas, was killed Saturday evening when his tractor trailer rig hit a guardrail and a concrete bridge railing on I-75 north near Cleveland. The truck then rolled off the bridge and landed on its top on Harris Creek Road below.

♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly "Business Before Hours" gathering this Thursday, March 21st, at 8 a.m. at Woodman Life, 1027 Moore Street in Athens.

✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library is hosting an Adopt-A-Thon for National Puppy Day, along with the McMinn Regional Humane Society, this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Shelter items needed include flat blankets, towels, sheets, hard rubber toys, Purina dry dog food, creamy peanut butter, and financial donations.

✓ The Downtown Business Association and Main Street Athens officially have merged. There will be one board, one executive director, and five committees that will work to help make Downtown Athens a vibrant place. The photo shows Lisa Dotson, director, addressing the merger meeting.

(Photo from Main Street Athens)



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