

### Community Prayer Meeting

 Focus and Aim Prayer  
 Sat., March 23rd 6pm  
**CHRISTIAN COVENANT CHURCH**  
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 District Atty. Steve Crump will be  
 speaking on the Opioid Crisis  
 Other speakers will address Human  
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## Today's News...This Morning

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Athens, Tennessee

## Local & Area News

### ◆ FIRE DAMAGES CHURCH AND BUS

A McMinn County school bus caught fire Monday evening while parked next to the East Etowah First Church of God building on County Road 909. The school bus was heavily damaged, while the church building received minor damage. The Etowah and Englewood Rural Fire Departments responded, along with the McMinn County Sheriff's Department.



(Photo by Lynn Ingram with the Englewood Rural Fire Dept)

## More State & Area News

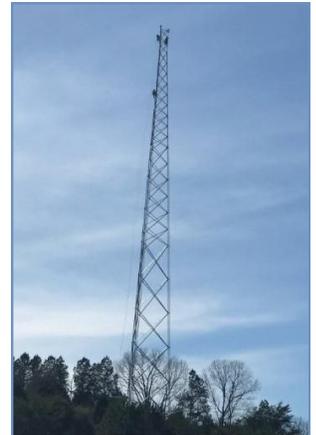
### ◆ SALES TAX PASSES ON FIRST READING

The Athens City Council passed on first reading an ordinance calling for a voter referendum to be held on increasing the local option sales tax by three-quarters of a percent to help pay for school improvements. The final vote will be taken at the April meeting. The vote on the first reading passed unanimously.

### ◆ MORE BROADBAND SERVICE FOR AREA

Broadband internet service is coming to parts of McMinn, Rhea, and Monroe counties. Governor Lee has announced \$14.8 million in grants that will expand broadband service to the Spring Creek community in McMinn County, the Walden Ridge community in Rhea County, and the Vonore community in Monroe County.

- Meantime, a new Verizon cell-phone tower is being constructed in what has been a dead area near the McMinn-Meigs County line. Morning Fax reader Nelson Cope sent us this photo of the new tower, which should improve the signal soon.



### RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



**Western Sizzlin' Steak House-1804 Decatur Pike**  
 11am to 4pm: Sirloin Tips with Salad + Side-Bakery-Dessert-Rolls ~ \$9.99  
 Senior Buffet: (Ages 55+) Monday-Friday from 2-4 p.m. ~ \$6.79.



**March Specials >>> 2 Country Ham Biscuits \$3**  
 • 2-Fish Sandwiches \$5 • Fish Sandwich Combo \$5.29  
 • 8 Pc Chicken Box w/ 4 Biscuits \$10.99  
 • 5 Meals for \$5 Ea • 32 oz Tea \$1.00

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**WEDNESDAY: ETOWAH 10:30 - 1**  
**THURSDAY: LOUDON 10:30 - 1**  
**FRIDAY: SWEETWATER 10:30 - 2**



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70's & Gospel



Ronnie Miller  
Johnny Cash



Jamie Simpson  
Jeff Foxworthy

# Full Circle

medical center for women

**What:** Unplanned: The Abby Johnson Story  
**Where:** Athens Movie Palace **When:** March 28th at 6:30 pm  
**Tickets:** \$9.00 suggested donation **Phone:** 744-3005  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/unplanned-the-abby-johnson-story-tickets-57260069409>

WHAT SHE  
SAW CHANGED  
EVERYTHING  
IN THEATERS SPRING 2019  
**UNPLANNED**



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## Obituaries

- ♦ **Geraldine Mason Purdie**, age 82, of the Lamontville Community, died last Saturday at her home. Her husband, Mack, died on March 8th. A celebration of life will be held Sunday at 4 p.m. at Short Creek Baptist Church, with visitation from 2 to 4 p.m. Companion Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Frederica Lenore Bowen Raper**, age 51, of Athens, died Tuesday at her home. She had served as store manager for Ingles Markets for over 25 years. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler.
- ♦ **Ruth Webb Cornett**, age 83, of Athens, died Monday at her home. A celebration of her life will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Companion Funeral Home of Athens; visitation is from 11am to 2 p.m.
- ♦ **Clayton Robert Massengill**, age 82, of Decatur, died Monday at Grace Healthcare in Decatur. He served in the U.S. Army and was associated with Cumberland Case Company in Chattanooga as an inspector until his retirement. A graveside service with military honors will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday in the Decatur Cemetery with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Smith Funeral and Cremation Services of Athens prior to the graveside service.

**TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 27 points or 0.1% to 25,887. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 2 points or 0.1% to 2,831, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 9 points or 0.1% to 7,724.

## Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The movie "25 Hill" starring Corbin Bernsen will be shown at the Athens Movie Palace next Monday, March 25th, at 6 p.m. The movie is the story of an 11-year-old boy's journey that took him to the All American Soap Box Derby. Tickets are \$5. All ticket sales will go towards the Athens Soap Box Derby.
- ✓ The McMinn/Meigs Ag Roundtable will meet Thursday, March 21st, at 7 a.m. at Shoney's. The guest speaker will be Brandon Cobble with the Tennessee Farm Bureau. Breakfast is dutch treat.
- ✓ Thursday is World Down Syndrome Day. You are encouraged to wear socks that are brightly colored, don't match, or have fun patterns. If you purchase your socks at The Sock Shop in Athens, a portion of the profits will go to The Down Syndrome Awareness Group of East Tennessee which directly supports the individuals with Down syndrome in our area.
- ✓ The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be Roger Helle, former director of Teen Challenge of the Mid-South. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5 or [ONLINE](#).
- ✓ Thursday is "Teen Volunteer Night" at E.G. Fisher Public Library. If you are looking for volunteer hours, you can help prepare craft materials and work on special projects with other teens.



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