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Athens, Tennessee

### Thursday, April 11, 2019

# Local & Area News

### NEW DRUG DOG MAKES FIRST BUST

The Athens Police Department's new K-9 Officer, Kena, made her first drug bust after just one night on the job. She is shown here with her handler, Officer Darrell Wright. Congratulations to Kena for making a difference and getting drugs off the street!

(Photo courtesy of the Athens Police Department)

#### **♦** PLAYGROUND OPENS

The playground at the Athens Regional Park has reopened for

public use. The playground has undergone an eight-month renovation to include the addition of a rubber safety surface under the 5-to-12 playground, equipment relocations and renovations, and the addition of the Splashpad. Parks Director Austin Fesmire says the renovations are "absolutely a color explosion." He says colorful new picnic tables will be placed under the large shade structures in the coming weeks. Reservations are now being taken for June 1st and beyond for the new 40'x 20' shade shelters that can accommodate up to 50 people for a party. For more information, call 744-2704.

## **Community News You Can Use**

✓ Abby Johnson, the former manager of a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic, will be the guest speaker at the Full Circle Luncheon at 11 a.m. today at St. Mary Catholic Church. She will also speak tonight at 7 at the Full Circle Annual Fundraising Dinner at Woodward Avenue Church of God. Seating is limited. For more information, call Emily at 744-3005.

✓ The Athens YMCA and LIVESTRONG have joined together to present a physical activity and well-being program designed to help adult cancer survivors reclaim their total health. For more information about LIVESTRONG at the YMCA, call Julie Mayfield at 745-4904.

✓ E.G. Fisher Public Library will present a class on Creating and Using an Email Account tomorrow, April 12th, at 10 a.m.

✓ The Alexander Keith Chapter of the American Revolution is looking for women 18 or older who can prove lineal descent from a Patriot of the American Revolution. The group will meet this Saturday at noon at Mexi-Wing Restaurant in Downtown Athens, beginning with lunch (Dutch treat). The program topic is soil conservation and includes a plant exchange. For more information, call (863) 258-1717.

✓ The 8th annual Camp Living Stones Golf Tournament will be held next Monday, April 15th, at Springbrook Golf and Country Club. Lunch will be provided at noon. There will be a shotgun start at 1 p.m. For information, call 263-5060.







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### **Obituaries**

• **Kenneth Ervin Partin**, age 72, of Decatur died Sunday at Grace Health Care. A gathering to celebrate his life will be held at a later date. Bowers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

• Wanda Faye Watt, age 64, of Calhoun, died Tuesday. According to her wishes, there will be no services. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

**WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** U.S. stocks finished the day higher, led by the technology sector. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 7 points to 26,157. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 9 points or 0.3% to 2,888, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 55 points or 0.7% to 7,964.

#### COMMITTEE DELAYS FETAL HEARBEAT BILL

Legislation banning abortions once a fetal heartbeat is detected has stalled in the State Legislature. The Senate Judiciary Committee has agreed to delay a vote this session and to review the issue further over the summer. The committee plans to take it up again next year. The bill had already passed the House, but Senate leaders said it raises too many legal concerns. The decision came after the Senate Judiciary Committee approved a separate anti-abortion bill (known as the "Trigger Bill") which would ensure that most abortions would be outlawed in Tennessee should the U.S. Supreme Court overturn the landmark Roe v. Wade decision.

## **Ribbon Cut for Carriage Hill**

A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Carriage Hill Insurance & Risk Management, located at 110 E. Washington Ave. Pictured below, left to right (Front row): Billie Crabtree and Heather Smith (Chamber Diplomats), Ron Ring, Kim Henderson, and Chris Ampler (Carriage Hill), Fallon Lee and Michelle Schumacher (DPA), Jessica Skelton (Diplomat), Lisa Dotson (Main Street). Back row: Grayson Black (Diplomat), Hunter Hall (Carriage Hill), Chris Anderson (Diplomat), Chase Scott, Todd Henderson, and Danielle Neff (Carriage Hill), Erin Blankenship (Diplomat), Sheila Watson (DPA), Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Lisa Harrison (Diplomat), and Dianne Hansen (Carriage Hill).

(Photo by Julie Simbeck, Athens Chamber)



