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Athens, Tennessee

## Optimist Oratorical Winners

Congratulations to the oratorical contestants from the Optimist Club of Athens! Addison Brock (R) won first place and Scarlett Starkey (L) won second place in the zone competition earlier this week (Monday night) in Chattanooga. We wish these two nothing but the best as they move on to the District level 1 of competition which will be in Cartersville, GA. on April 26<sup>th</sup> where they could win a \$5,000 scholarship. We know they'll do great, and we're so proud of them.



Photo submitted by Athens Optimist Club

## Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The NEST, Women in Business workshop will be held on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am – 9:30 am and the topic of discussion is "Exploring CANVA". CANVA is an online design platform used to create social media graphics and presentations. Julianne Hale, Assistant Professor of Business Administration at Tennessee Wesleyan University is the instructor for this workshop, and it will be an opportunity for you to be hands-on and creative! Julianne is asking everyone to Visit [Home - Canva](https://www.canva.com) and create a Canva account before the event (they're free) [www.canva.com](https://www.canva.com) If possible, please bring a computer or iPad that you can login to the account you created. If you cannot bring a computer, let Lisa Dotson know if you need a computer and one will be provided for you. Be prepared to create! Therefore, come with a project in mind (an Instagram or Facebook post, a flier, or presentation). *The NEST (Networking, Excelling & Serving Together) is an entrepreneurial program of The LITE House Innovation Center*
- ✓ Sweetwater's ladies night out will be April 13<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 pm in historic downtown Sweetwater. There will be live music, fashion demos, shopping, dinner and demonstrations. Tickets may be purchased at City Hall or on Facebook. For more information, click or tap: <http://www.mainstreetsweetwatertn.net>

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## Obituaries

- ♦ **Charles Fredrick (Buster) Maddox**, age 88 of Calhoun, passed away Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at Life Care of Athens. He was a native and lifelong resident of McMinn County. He retired from Bowater Paper Mill with 45 years of service. A graveside service was held yesterday at Calhoun Cemetery. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **William Joseph Ralph Burnett**, age 26, of Madisonville, passed away Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. He was a graduate of Tellico Plains High School. A funeral service will be at 5 pm, Friday at Bierley-Hale Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Christianburg Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3-5 pm Friday at Bierley-Hale Funeral Home in Madisonville.

## Athens City Council

◆ At Tuesday night's City Council meeting, the council revealed the names of the candidates to be interviewed for the City Managers position. Deb Wallace will be interviewed by the City Council on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> and Corey Divel will be interviewed on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Interviews will begin at 9 am each day. Once the City Council has concluded their interviews, the candidates will be given an opportunity to meet and speak with any citizens that are present. The City Council approved a 5% cost of living raise for all full-time employees. Matt Siniard has been hired as the Director of Parks and Recreation. He currently works for the Parks and Recreation Department for the City of Carrollton, Georgia. His last day of work in Georgia is April 14<sup>th</sup> and the city anticipates him beginning shortly after that date as he will be moving to Athens during this transition time.

## Church News and Events

- A drive thru Easter Play at Solid Rock Baptist Church, 4975 HWY 11 South in Calhoun, will be presented March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> from 6-8 pm.
- Athens Lutheran Church will be continuing midweek Lenten Services this Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The church is located at 710 Forrest Avenue. All are welcome.
- "Oh What A King" an Easter Play at Mt Harmony Baptist Church at Riceville will be April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm each night.
- The St Mark AME Zion Church Food Giveaway is Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. until all food is given away. The Location of the Food Giveaway is 707 North Jackson Street, Athens.
- If you or someone you know is battling addiction, struggling with anger, or other life issues, Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, Mars Hill Presbyterian Church of Athens now offers a Griefshare program each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. For more information call 423-829-5052.
- Celebrate Recovery meets at the following churches: The Englewood Church of God every Sunday at 6 p.m. and Woodward Avenue Church of God every Tuesday at 6 p.m.



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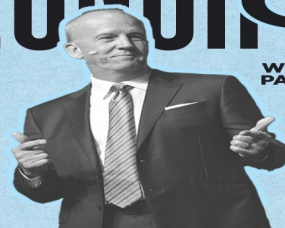


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