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State & Local News

◆ McMinn IS GROUND ZERO IN METH FIGHT

McMinn County has the unwanted distinction of being the county with the most meth lab seizures in Tennessee. Now that Tennessee has become the number one state for meth labs, that makes McMinn County the No. 1 county for meth in the nation. Lieutenant Detective Eric Allman of the McMinn County Sheriff's Office says meth is the number one problem facing the sheriff's office. He says meth addicts cannot work, so they resort to thefts and burglaries to support their habit. He says the cost of cleaning up meth labs in McMinn County is over \$300,000 per year and the federal government no longer pays for the cleanup. Allman says pseudoephedrine is an essential ingredient for making meth and he favors making it available by prescription only. He says meth lab seizures went down by 90% when Oregon adopted a prescription only law. He says meth cannot be manufactured without pseudoephedrine. Allman says so many meth labs and meth components have been discarded along highways in McMinn County that when Boy Scouts do litter pickups, the leaders actually bring trash from home and spread along the highway for the Scouts to pick up, rather than risk them being exposed to dangerous chemicals.

CENTRAL GIRLS WIN ROUND ONE

The McMinn Central Chargerettes won their quarter final game against David Lipscomb in the State AA basketball tournament in Murfreesboro Thursday by a score of 62 to 48. The Central girls will play Cannon County in the semi-finals this afternoon at 3:30 p.m.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ Government forces drove hundreds of rebels from a strategic oil port with a barrage of rockets and tank shells on Thursday, significantly expanding Moammar Gadhafi's control of Libya.
- ◆ Oil prices fell 3 percent Thursday. On Wall Street, however, stock prices slid amid global economic worries. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 11,984.61; down 228.48 points.
- ◆ The Wisconsin House passed the bill stripping state workers of collective bargaining rights with a 53-42 vote, just 1 day after the Senate version passed. The governor says he will sign the bill ASAP.
- ◆ The number of cancer survivors in the U.S. is increasing by hundreds of thousands a year. Health officials say roughly one in 20 adult cancer victims survives, in part due to earlier detection and better treatment.

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Church News and Events

- First Baptist Church of Athens and several other Baptist churches will present Missions: 1st 2011 next week. It begins with a Missions Fair at 4 p.m. this Sunday at McMinn County High School, followed by a kick-off service at 5:45 p.m. at the high school. There will be services at First Baptist Church of Athens at 6:30 Monday through Wednesday with special speakers, music, and missionary guests nightly.
- The Athens Seventh-Day Adventist Church will present a series of programs titled "The 8 Laws of Health" tonight through next Saturday at 7 p.m. at 235 Delay Street in Athens, behind the Country Patch. No programs will be held on Monday or Thursday. For information, call 829-7199.
- The Senior class of Fairview Christian Academy will hold a car wash tomorrow, March 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fowler's Furniture Store parking lot in Athens. Donations will be accepted for the Senior Class trip.
- Pastor Aaron Pierce and the congregation of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church of Etowah invite you to hear Brian Burchfield in concert at 6 p.m. this Sunday. Brian is from Surgoinsville and won the TBN Network's "Viewers Choice" Award for his song, "The Grave Can't Hold Me."
- The Mike Speck Trio will sing at the Eastanalee Baptist Church in Riceville this Sunday at 10:30 a.m.



One Day HE Rose - Easter Drama

Saturday, April 9 @ 2 pm & 6:30 pm

Sunday, April 10 @ 6:30 pm

568-2395 Union McMinn Baptist Church Exit 56, Niota

THIS DAY IN HISTORY - MARCH 11

1770 - British statesman William Huskisson was born. He's best known for being the world's first railroad fatality. At the opening of the Manchester & Liverpool Railway in 1830, he was run over by a locomotive.

1903 - Bandleader Lawrence Welk was born in Strasburg, North Dakota. He was a fixture on Saturday night TV for years.

1930 - William Howard Taft became the first President to be buried in the National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

1950 - Singer Bobby McFerrin was born. His biggest hit was "Don't Worry, Be Happy."

1955 - Singer Jimmy Fortune was born in Virginia. He became a member of the Statler Brothers when Lew Dewitt became too ill to continue with the group. Fortune wrote the group's hit, "Elizabeth."

Who's New In Pink & Blue?

Larry James Carson McMurray was born March 7th at Athens Regional Medical Center. He weighed 5 pounds and 10 ounces and was 19½ inches long. His parents are Whitney and James McMurray of Athens.

Tara Kayleigh Thomas was born March 7th at ARMC. She weighed 7 pounds and 10 ounces and was 20½ inches long. Her parents are Jessica Cook and Shaun Thomas of Englewood.

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ MCHS Baseball will have a pancake breakfast at Applebees from 7 to 10 a.m. tomorrow. Proceeds go towards construction of a hitting facility.
- ✓ The 17th Annual Cousin Jake Memorial Bluegrass Festival will be held tomorrow at the Gem Theater in Etowah beginning at 12 noon.
- ✓ The Etowah Senior Center will have a soup lunch fundraiser today. The cost for soup, corn bread muffin and dessert is \$5.
- ✓ Water service will be interrupted today in Niota on Mt. Harmony Road, Hilltop Drive, and Hill Street between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- ✓ The time changes this weekend. Turn your clocks forward one hour Saturday night. The Athens Fire Department also reminds you to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.
- ✓ The Niota City Commission will hold its regular meeting this coming Monday at 6 p.m. at the Niota Municipal Building.
- ✓ Decatur city employees will hold a yard sale at the Decatur Municipal Building tomorrow from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Obituaries

Vida Moree Sewell, age 88, of Athens died Wednesday. She was a former teacher at Union Grove School and a bank teller at The Bank of Niota. Graveside services will be at 3pm Saturday at Vonore Methodist Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

Robert Cecil "Bob" Clark, age 69, of Athens died Tuesday at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. He was retired from Athens Products. He served as a Green Beret in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m.