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Athens, Tennessee

## Local and State News

### ◆ POLICE CHIEF'S CAREER ENDS WITH TRYST

More details have come to light about the abrupt and unexpected resignation of Cleveland Police Chief Wes Snyder last Friday. It's been revealed that Snyder's resignation followed the discovery of a surveillance video showing him and a woman entering and leaving a rental warehouse, where they had apparently been meeting for sex. The woman was identified as Sharon Marr, Executive Director of MainStreet Cleveland. The rental unit had been leased by MainStreet Cleveland. The owner of the rental units called police to investigate some unusual activity in one of the units. When police searched the unit, they found a rug, blankets, pillows, and a bottle of brandy.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The "Speak Up Club" which is an anti-bullying initiative in both of McMinn County's High Schools, has launched an online store. Student artwork, school logos, and other items are available for purchase and proceeds benefit the club. You can click on: [mcminnhigh.com](http://mcminnhigh.com) or [mcminncentralhigh.com](http://mcminncentralhigh.com) to access the stores. More information is available from Heidi Ables, club advisor and the guidance director at MCHS. Her number is 745-7035.

## NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ The young newlywed who fell to his death at a Montana national park in July plummeted face first after his wife allegedly pushed him with both hands, according to prosecutors. Jordan Graham, 22, is going on trial for allegedly killing her husband, Cody Johnson, at Glacier National Park, eight days after their wedding.

◆ Several media outlets are reporting that American and British intelligence operations have been spying on gamers across the world. Espionage agencies are believed to be sending undercover agents into virtual universes to monitor activity in online fantasy games such as "World of Warcraft."

◆ NASA's Curiosity rover has uncovered signs of an ancient freshwater lake on Mars that may have teemed with tiny organisms for far longer than scientists had imagined.

◆ A Senate vote to renew an expiring ban on plastic firearms capable of evading metal detectors and X-ray machines is shaping up days before the anniversary of the deadly mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut.

◆ The memorial service for former South African President Nelson Mandela is expected to be one of the largest such gatherings in generations with thousands of local mourners and almost 100 foreign leaders expected to attend.

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### WEATHER

**Tuesday** - 30% rain. Highs in the upper 30's to lower 40's.  
**Tuesday night** - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s.  
**Wednesday** - Sunny. Highs in the upper 40s to lower 50s.  
More Weather & Zoom Radar at: [www.wyxi.com](http://www.wyxi.com)

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## 100 Year-Old House Comes Down

Demolition crews razed a 100-year-old house at 1010 Washington Avenue in Etowah last week. The old house was an eyesore and had been vacant for a number of years. (Photo by Jay Thomson)



### ◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce's next Cash Mob will be this Thursday at 12 noon at the McMinn Senior Activity Center, 205 McMinn Avenue in Athens.

## Obituaries

**Patsy Stone Barker**, age 60, of Etowah, died Saturday at her home. She and her husband, Norman Barker, owned a quilt business. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Bordwine.

**Creag O. Monroe**, age 77, of Athens, died last Saturday at NHC of Athens. He was retired from the U.S. Marine Corps and later served in the U.S. Air Force and the National Guard. He was a veteran of the Vietnam Conflict and was a former employee of Athens Stove Works. Funeral services will be held Friday at 8 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.

**Laura Dyer Mathews**, age 31, of Cleveland died Friday at her home. She was a graduate of Tennessee College of Applied Technology in Athens with an LPN degree. She served in the U.S. Army and was employed with NHC of Athens. A memorial service will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 6 p.m.

**MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** U.S. stocks closed little changed, as investors weighed the timing of any cuts to Federal Reserve monetary support amid budget negotiations in Washington. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 5.33 at 16,025.53. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 3.28 at 1,808.37, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 6.23 at 4,068.75. Volume on the New York Stock Exchange was moderate, with 654.26 million shares traded.

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