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Wednesday, March 11, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

### Local & State News

#### ◆ CLEVELAND CALLS ON LARRY WALLACE

The city of Cleveland is turning to McMinn County for help in straightening out its police department. The Cleveland City Council has voted to hire Larry Wallace (right) as a consultant to the police department after a recent series of events left the department in turmoil. Wallace is a former McMinn County Sheriff, the former Director of the TBI, and is currently assistant to the president at Tennessee Wesleyan College. He will be paid up to \$76,000 for his work as a consultant to the Cleveland Police Department. The department has been having leadership problems for several months. First, a former police chief lost his job after he was caught having an affair with a woman in a storage unit. Then, Police Chief Dennis Maddux was demoted last week after just one day on the job after he was discovered kissing the wife of Officer Jeffrey Griggs. By the end of the week, Griggs had been arrested twice, Maddux had been demoted back to captain, Griggs had filed for divorce, both men were placed on administrative leave, and the TBI and the District Attorney's office had begun investigations. You may recall that Wallace was hired by the City of Chattanooga to assist them in their search for a new police chief.



### NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS

◆ Two students from The University of Oklahoma involved in the singing of a racist chant in connection with a Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity event have been expelled. President David Boren said the students who played a leadership role had created a hostile learning environment for others.

◆ Hillary Clinton said Tuesday that she used a private email for "convenience." Clinton also said that she went through a "thorough process" to deliver her work-related emails to the State Department. The State Department confirmed that it will be publishing the 55,000 emails that Clinton handed over to the department after they are reviewed.

#### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Meigs Middle and High School Concert Choirs and Handbells will perform their spring concert, "Spring Festivals of Choirs and Handbells," this Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Meigs County High School Gym. You are invited to come out and hear over 240 voices sing and enjoy an evening of choral and handbell music.
- ✓ **TRIVIA:** How much salt did the City of Athens use this winter to keep the roads drivable? The answer is 90 tons!
- ✓ The students of Fairview Christian Academy will present a Spring Concert tomorrow, Thursday, at 7 p.m. in the main auditorium of Fairview Baptist Church. The concert will include presentations from the choir, handbell groups, and vocal ensembles. A student art exhibit will also be displayed. The public is invited.
- ✓ The Gem Players are extending their production of *Murder for Dummies* this Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.
- ✓ MEDIC will be at Starr Regional of Etowah today from noon until 7 p.m. All blood types are needed. MEDIC is the only supplier of blood for Starr Regional of Athens and Etowah.



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### WEATHER

**Wednesday** - 90% rain & t'storms. Highs in mid to upper 60's.

**Wed. night** - Cloudy. 20% rain. Lows around 50.

**Thursday** - Cloudy. 50% rain. Highs in the lower to mid 60's.

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## TWC Students Become Carpenters

A group of Tennessee Wesleyan College students are spending their spring break helping others. Doctors Dick Pelley and Grant Wilhite led a group of students to Destin, Florida, where they are spending the week doing construction work for Habitat For Humanity. The students raised \$2200 for Habitat.

(Photo submitted by Dick Pelley)



## Obituaries

• **Jennie Louise Sherrill Ruth**, age 84, of Cleveland, died Monday at Bradley Healthcare. She was retired from Hardwick Clothing. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 2 to 3 p.m.

• **Barbara C. Garwood**, age 69, of Etowah, died Monday at her home. She was the wife of Burke Garwood, Mayor of Etowah. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

• **James D. "Don" Cooley**, age 65 of Etowah, died Sunday at his home. A celebration of life service will take place this Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Bordwine Funeral Home.

### ◆ TENNESSEE STATE NEWS BRIEFS

~ Legislation that would require all of Tennessee's law enforcement agencies to adopt written policies to ban racial profiling has passed the state Senate. The measure was proposed after a state study of the Tennessee Highway Patrol found that troopers were more likely to stop, search, and arrest Hispanic drivers than whites or blacks.

~ The number of new state-issued handgun carry permits dropped sharply in Tennessee last year. The Department of Safety reports about 46,000 new applications were granted last year, down 45% from the year 2013. Currently, about a half-million Tennesseans have permits to carry handguns in public.

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### TODAY 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 decades.

**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.

**1967** - The World Cup skiing title was earned by Jean-Claude Killy of France

**1985** - Mikhail S. Gorbachev was chosen to succeed the late Soviet President Konstantin Chernenko who died after being in office a little over a year.