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Athens, Tennessee

Friday, February 5, 2016

State & Local News

◆ IT'S TORNADO TIME IN TENNESSEE

Tornadoes can occur any time of the year, but typically they happen most often in Tennessee from February through April. National Weather Service records show there have been 24 tornadoes in McMinn County since 1932. No tornadoes have occurred in January in Tennessee. The year's earliest was on February 6th, 1986, when an F3 twister touched down that afternoon in McMinn and Polk counties. The tornado tracked along the ground for 10 miles and resulted in five injuries. The latest-in-the-year tornado to occur was on December 5th, 1977. That twister injured one person in McMinn County. The worst tornado on record to affect McMinn County took place on April 27th, 2011. That tornado hit Hamilton, Bradley, Polk, and McMinn counties, causing a total of 12 deaths and 300 injuries in those four counties. On May 2nd, 1953, a tornado hit Meigs and McMinn counties at 4 a.m., killing four people and injuring eight. Several of the 24 tornadoes to hit McMinn County also struck in one or more of the neighboring counties of Meigs, Bradley, Polk, and Monroe. Those 24 tornadoes caused 497 injuries and 26 deaths in the five-county area. The National Weather Service says the last tornado in McMinn County was March 2, 2012.

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NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Florida Gov. Rick Scott expanded the state of emergency to a fifth county yesterday after the discovery of more Zika virus cases there. So far, 12 people have been diagnosed with the virus in Florida. All of them were infected outside the United States.

◆ The markets moved higher Thursday as investors anticipate the government's latest jobs report due out today. The Dow closed up 80 points while the NASDAQ rose five points. The S&P added three points for the day.

WRECK BLOCKS ELIZABETH STREET

A traffic accident Wednesday morning on Elizabeth Street across from Genesis Baptist Church in Athens took down a utility pole and blocked traffic for a while. No word on whether there were any injuries. (Photo by Bill Anderson)



WHEN RADIO WAS

Old-time Radio Shows
6:05-7 pm Nightly
WYXI AM-1390

Tonight:
Nick Carter & Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar

WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

Friday - Sunny. High-mid to upper 40s.
Friday night - Mostly clear. Low-upper 20s.
Saturday - Mostly sunny. High-upper 40s to low 50s.
Sunday - Sunny. High-53.
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Church News & Events

- St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 123 S. Jackson Street in Athens will host a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper with Entertainment, Tuesday, February 9th, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- The "Big Game" will be shown on a big screen at Christ Community Church at 6 p.m. on February 7th. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome.
- Lane's Chapel Church in Niota will have a men's conference tomorrow starting with a brunch at noon. Then, Clarence Swarengen of Knoxville, a former UT basketball player, will speak. At 4 p.m. there will music for everyone by the Men of Praise from Athens and the New Travelers from Knoxville.
- Voice of Deliverance Ministry will host a luncheon on February 13th to honor and celebrate the First Lady of Voice of Deliverance, Letitisha Saunders, beginning at 1 p.m. The guest speaker will be Evangelist Edwanda Denson from Morrow, Georgia. The luncheon is open to the public. The church is located at 520 Old Riceville Road, Athens.
- The annual Burke's Sunday Morning Gospel Jubilee Sing Fest at Greater Deliverance Ministries Church on Clearwater Road will be held on Sunday, February 21st, at 3 p.m. A love offering will be taken to help keep the Gospel Jubilee program on WYXI Radio each Sunday morning.
- The Dumplin' Valley Trio will be singing at Zion Hill Baptist Church in Englewood at 6 p.m. on Sunday, February 28th. The public is invited.

Obituaries

- **Stacy Lynn Crawford Siler**, age 50, of Decatur, died Wednesday at her home. She was a CNA at Brookewood Nursing Center. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Mountain View Memorial Gardens, with visitation from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Ziegler Funeral Home.
- **Martha Kate Fagg Morphew Benton**, age 92, of Athens, died Thursday at McMinn Memorial Nursing Home. She was a CNA at Life Care Center of Athens for 15 years and was a private sitter for 20 years. She also worked at Athens Bed Company for several years. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at Ziegler.
- **Jerome Stephansen**, age 78, of Etowah, died Sunday, January 31st at his home. He was veteran of the U.S. Marines. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at North Etowah Baptist Church. There will be no visitation. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.
- **Virginia Holton**, age 82, of Jacksonville, Florida, and formerly of Decatur, died last Saturday at Orange Park Medical Center in Florida. Funeral services will be at 12 noon Sunday at Bowers Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Bowers Funeral Home.
- **Claude Gossett**, of Athens, died Thursday afternoon at U.T. Medical Center. He was the father of Kay Simmons. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.

NOTE: The McMinn County Trustee's office will be open each Saturday this month for those wishing to pay property taxes prior to February 29th. The Saturday hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

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TODAY IN HISTORY - FEBRUARY 5

1631 - British clergyman Roger Williams arrived in Salem, Massachusetts, seeking religious freedom. He founded the colony of Rhode Island.

1900 - American statesman Adlai E. Stevenson II was born. He served as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations from 1961 to 1965. He was the Democratic nominee for President in 1952 and 1956, losing both times to Dwight Eisenhower.

1934 - Baseball home-run king Hank Aaron was born in Mobile, Alabama. He spent his entire major league career playing outfield for the Braves—first in Milwaukee and later in Atlanta. He broke Babe Ruth's lifetime record of 714 home runs when he hit his 715th homer on April 8, 1974, at Atlanta Stadium.

1937 - President Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed increasing the number of Supreme Court justices. Critics charged that he was attempting to "pack" the court.

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