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Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ EARLY VOTING STARTS WEDNESDAY

Early voting for the March 1st elections in Tennessee gets underway tomorrow, Feb. 10th, and continues through February 23rd. The ballot in McMinn County includes not only the presidential preference primary, but the McMinn County Assessor of Property race and a referendum on whether to raise the local sales tax in the city of Athens. You can vote early at the Election Commission Office in the Courthouse Annex. The hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The Tuesday and Thursday hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Saturday hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The latest poll by Middle Tennessee State University shows Donald Trump leading the Republican presidential primary with 32% of the votes. Ted Cruz has 16%, and 28% of the voters are undecided. On the Democratic side, Hillary Clinton has 47% of the vote, Bernie Sanders has just 15%, and 26% are undecided.

◆ CLEVELAND SCHOOLS NAME INTERIM

The Cleveland City School Board has named Cathy Goodman to serve as interim school director to replace Martin Ringstaff who was fired last Friday. Ms. Goodman is currently second in command of the Cleveland schools.

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NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ It's been 100 years since New Hampshire held its first presidential primary, and today voters will be casting their votes in the nation's first primary. Secretary of State Bill Gardner expects the total number of ballots to be cast to top the records set in 2008.

◆ President Obama is asking Congress for more than \$1.8 billion in emergency funding to fight the Zika virus and the mosquitoes that spread it here and abroad.

◆ A Royal Caribbean cruise ship that was rocked by hurricane-force winds is sailing back to port in Bayonne, New Jersey. The Anthem of the Seas was headed for the Bahamas when it experienced turbulent weather Saturday night off the coast of the Carolinas. It is scheduled to arrive back in New Jersey sometime on Wednesday.

◆ The Justice Department stated that the wife of a senior Islamic State leader who was killed in a U.S. raid last year, has been charged in federal court with contributing to the death of American hostage Kayla Mueller.

◆ A charter bus driving through a snowstorm in Connecticut flipped onto its side Monday, injuring more than 30 people and closing the northbound side of Interstate 95.

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WEATHER FORECAST
Tuesday - Cloudy. 60% snow showers likely. Snow accumulations up to 1 inch. Highs in the lower 30's.
Tuesday night - Mostly cloudy. 20% snow showers. Lows around 19.
Wednesday - Mostly cloudy. Scattered flurries. Highs in the upper 20's.
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8:40 a.m. &
5:20 p.m.
Weekdays



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Athens, Tennessee

Melinda Doolittle Coming to Athens

The Athens Area Council for the Arts presents **Melinda Doolittle: It Must Be Love** this Friday, February 12th, at The Arts Center, 320 North White Street. This is the final installment of the 2015-2016 Black Box Concert Series. Melinda Doolittle became a household name on season six of American Idol. She is now a recording artist and song writer. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for students. Call 745-8781 for tickets.



PRACTICE COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT IS SET

The McMinn County Health Department and the Tennessee Department of Health will be conducting practice surveys throughout the county on March 17th-19th. The door-to-door surveys will be done as a way to practice the completion of a community assessment after an emergency. Health Department Director Jeannie Bentley says community surveys might be conducted after a tornado, for example, to assess the needs of those impacted by the event. Volunteers are welcome to participate in the practice survey. To volunteer or get more information, Call Amanda Goodhard at 423-634-1948.

Obituaries

- **Mary Sue Rucker**, age 93, of Etowah, died Sunday at Etowah Health Care. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Liberty Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- **Doris Jean Thompson Umbricht, 83**, of Naples, Florida and formerly of Athens, died last Wednesday in Pasadena, California. A memorial service will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 12 noon till 1:30 p.m. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The McMinn County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly session this Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the McMinn County Center for Educational Excellence, #3 South Hill Street, Athens.
- ✓ The United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties will hold its annual meeting and awards luncheon on Thursday, February 18th, at 12 noon at Woodward Avenue Church of God in Athens. You are asked to RSVP at 745-9606.
- ✓ The Athens Parks and Recreation Department is taking registrations through February 19th for McMinn County ASA Girls Fast Pitch Softball ages 4 through 14. The fee is \$65, and includes jersey, pants, belt, socks, and secondary medical insurance. For more information, call 744-2704.

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