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Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ SEVEN HURT IN TWO VEHICLE CRASH

A total of seven people were injured in a crash between a car and a pickup truck Sunday afternoon on Highway 30 East at County Road 609. The driver and a passenger in the car were airlifted to Erlanger. Their conditions are not known. The Englewood and Etowah Rural Fire Departments responded, along with AMR, the McMinn Sheriff's Department, and the THP.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram of the Englewood Fire Department)



NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ An American is among the 350 killed in Ecuador after a devastating 7.8 earthquake struck Saturday. Ecuador's president Rafael Correa stated this is Ecuador's biggest tragedy in 67 years.

◆ Torrential rain in Houston, Texas, has led to nearly 900 emergency rescues as severe flooding trapped drivers on roadways and residents inside their homes.

SENATOR BELL'S BATHROOM BILL DEAD THIS YEAR

The House sponsor of Tennessee's transgender bathroom bill, Rep. Susan Lynn, R-Mt. Juliet, says she is withdrawing the bill and plans to bring it back up next year. The bill would require students in public school grades K-12 and higher education institutions to use the restroom that corresponds with their sex at birth. Rep. Lynn, said she plans on delaying any action on the measure in an effort to further study the issue.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Athens City Council holds its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Municipal Building. The public is invited to attend.
- ✓ Etowah City School will hold Pre-K and Kindergarten Pre-registration this Thursday, April 21st, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the school. Your child must be five years old on or before August 15th in order to attend Kindergarten this next school year. Children must be four years old by August 15th to attend the Pre-K program.
- ✓ The Tennessee Wesleyan Choir along with the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra will perform at 7 p.m. this Thursday, April 21st, at First Baptist Church of Athens. The public is invited.

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WEATHER FORECAST
Tuesday - Sunny. Highs in the lower 80's.
Tuesday night - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50's.
Wednesday - Mostly cloudy. 20% rain. Highs in the upper 70s to lower 80s.
 Zoom Radar at: www.wyxi.com

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Athens, Tennessee

Scotties Holds Grand Re-opening

The Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting for the grand opening of the new dining facility at Scotties Diner located at 1202 Tennessee Avenue in Etowah. Pictured are Chamber members Sandy Lambert, Cat Pate, Nancy Dalton, Amanda Coleman, Manager Vicki Seilheimer, LaMone Rose, Chris Ingram, Owner Charlene Kelley, Helen Mullins, Brian Silber, Jaren Cass, Owner Micah Kelley, Thom Johnson, Amanda Johnson, Matthew Crabtree, Blake McCaslin, Kristi Clenney, Mary Jane Murphy, and Cliff Hudson.

(Photo by Durant Tullock)



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Obituaries

- **Gary Ray Higdon**, age 58, of Etowah, died Sunday at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga. He had been a minister for the last 30 years, serving at Goodsprings Baptist of Etowah and First Baptist Church in Riceville. He was currently at Brookhill Baptist in Etowah. He also taught high school English and Math for over 25 years at Central High School, and he ran the time clock at Central Basketball games for many years. A memorial service will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. at the church. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.
- **Eugene "Gene" L. Whiting**, age 80, of Athens, died last Thursday at his residence. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Sunday, May 1st, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Derby Downs Deli at the corner of Jackson Street and Washington Ave. in downtown Athens. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge or arrangements.
- **Gladys Isbill Leamon**, age 87, of Riceville, died Sunday at the home of her daughter. She was a former teacher's aide at Riceville Elementary School. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Eastanallee Baptist Church with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- **Gwynne Allen Standridge**, age 73, of Etowah, died last Friday at his residence, doing what he loved, walking his dog. A memorial service and receiving of friends will be held Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at East View Baptist Church. Serenity Funeral Home is in charge.

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY - APRIL 19th

- 1775** - The American Revolutionary War began at the Battle of Lexington, Massachusetts. Eight Minutemen were killed and 10 wounded in an exchange of musket fire with British Redcoat troops.
- 1897** - The first annual Boston Marathon — the first of its type in the United States — was run. John J. McDermott of New York City won.
- 1933** - The United States ended the "gold standard" for the dollar.
- 1934** - Dickie Goodman was born. He and his sidekick, Bill Buchanan, originated the novel approach to featuring bits of popular songs strung together to tell a story. Their biggest hit was "The Flying Saucer (Parts 1 & 2)" in 1956. Goodman also had a hit using the same approach in 1974 with a recording titled "Energy Crisis '74."
- 1995** - The Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City was destroyed by a bomb hidden in a rent-a-truck. 168 people including 19 children died in the blast.