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Monday, March 12, 2018

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ GAS IGNITES AND DESTROYS BARN

Around 2 p.m. on Saturday, the owner of a barn on County Road 360 near Sweetwater, tried to remove a fuel tank from a vehicle causing some of the gas to spill. The owner believes that static electricity possibly ignited the fumes causing some of his clothing to catch fire along with the barn. The owner was able to extinguish the flames on his clothing and was not injured, however the barn caught fire and it along with the contents were destroyed. Units from Athens Rural, Niota Rural, and Englewood Rural Fire Departments responded with Athens Rural Chief Chuck Burris being in charge of the scene. (Photo by Lynn Ingram with the Englewood Rural Fire Department)



National & World News

- ◆ The Eastern Seaboard is bracing for its third storm in two weeks with snow and wind expected along already-battered coastlines around New York and Boston.
- ◆ Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia experienced high winds, thunderstorms and heavy rain over the weekend. Hailstones measuring 3.5 inches in diameter were reported in some areas.
- ◆ This Wednesday, March 14th, is the date of the planned National School Walk-out Day. The event will be at 10 a.m. across every time zone and last 17 minutes, one minute for each of the victims gunned down in the February 14th massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.
- ◆ Three women were killed in a daylong standoff at a veterans home in Yountville, California that worked with veterans who suffer with post-traumatic stress disorder or PTSD. A male gunman, who had been fired from the facility, killed the women and then himself.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ Good Faith Clinic will be Tuesday, March 13th. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. This primary medical clinic is open for all McMinn and Meigs residents that are uninsured. Proof of residency is required. The location is at Christ Community Church on South Congress Parkway. The Good Faith Clinic is supported by a partnership with the United Way, community grants, and donations.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Monday - 40% rain before 2 p.m. Windy. High 48.
Mon. night - Partly cloudy with a low near 30.
Tuesday - Mostly sunny with a high near 46.
More Weather at: wysi.com

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County Road 480 Re-opened

The McMinn County Highway Department reports that the Macedonia - Martin Gap Road (County Road 480) has been repaired and is now open to traffic. A portion of the road experienced a mud and rock slide during the nearly 4 inch rainfall we had earlier this month. (Photo submitted by MCHD)



Obituaries

- ♦ **Billy Joe Lett**, ae 33, of Decatur, died Thursday due to injuries sustained in a vehicle wreck. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Bowers Funeral Home in Decatur with visitation on Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Bowers.
- ♦ **Irene Crabtree**, age 83, of Athens, died Thursday at a local health care facility. A celebration of her life was held Saturday at Companion Funeral Home of Athens.
- ♦ **Kimsey "Bo" Witt**, age 91, of Etowah, died Thursday at Etowah Healthcare Center. He had owned and operated a sandwich shop in Athens for several years. Graveside services were held Saturday at McMinn Memory Gardens with Bordwine in charge.
- ♦ **Darrell A. Young**, age 55, of Etowah, died Friday. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.

◆ **FRIDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** Stocks closed higher on the day as concerns over a possible trade war proved to be overdone. More relief came to the market after headlines reported that President Trump will meet with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un by May. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 441 points or 1.8% to 25,336. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 48 points or 1.7% to 2,787, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 133 points or 1.8% to 7,561.

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