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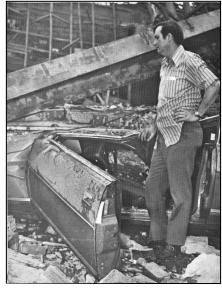
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## STATE & LOCAL NEWS

#### **♦ MEMORIES OF 1974 ETOWAH TORNADOES**

Forty-four years ago this week, two tornadoes ravaged the area. The first twister hit in east Etowah around 3 p.m. on April 3,

1974. The second struck downtown Etowah around 5:30 p.m. Two people were killed and many houses and buildings were destroyed. Gene Choate of Etowah is shown in the photo with his 1972 Ford LTD after the tornado made a direct hit on a two-story building on Tennessee Avenue between 10th and 11th Streets. The car was demolished, and Gene escaped with minor glass cuts after crawling from the low-



est possible place he could find--the floorboard of the car. (Photo by Richard McCoy; submitted by Gene Choate)

# **National & World News**

- ◆ Postal Service investigators recovered dozens of bags of mail from a backyard shed belonging to a Long Island, New York postal worker. Agents from the Postal Service's Office of the Inspector General went to the postal carrier's home in Bellmore after they received a tip about undelivered mail.
- ◆ The woman suspected of opening fire at YouTube headquarters in Northern California on Tuesday was "upset" with the company's "policies and practices." According to police, the woman was from of San Diego and went to a local gun range hours before she stormed the San Bruno YouTube campus.
- U.S. stocks rebounded from early lows and closed higher Wednesday. Consumer and healthcare shares led the rebound. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 231 points or 1% to 24,264. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 30 points or 1.3% to 2,645, and the NASDAO Composite Index was up 101 points or 1.5% to 7,042.

#### ♦ HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY IS SATURDAY

The Tennessee Dept. of Environment's mobile household hazardous waste collection service will be in McMinn County this Saturday. Residents are encouraged to bring their household waste-including cleaning fluids, pesticides, and batteries--to the Etowah City School from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Other items that will be accepted are fluorescent lamps, aerosols, medications, and swimming pool chemicals. Items NOT accepted include ammunition, explosives, alkaline batteries, paint, and electronics.

The Gem Players "Death of a Doornale" Mystery Comedy Dessert Show opens on May 4, 5, 11, & 12 at 7:30 p.m. and May 6 & 13 at 2:30 p.m. at the L&N Depot. Reservations are required and seating is limited for each performance. Tickets \$15: Can be reserved at 423-263-3270.



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Thursday - Sunny. High 63. Thursday Night - Cloudy. Low 42.

Friday - 30% rain. High 66. Friday Night - 90% rain. Low

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# **Obituaries**

• Christine Henley Dake, age 80, of Decatur, died Tuesday at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga. She retired from the Meigs County Board of Education. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7

 Pastor Ted Edwin Watson, age 71, of Englewood, died Tuesday at his residence. He was a Baptist Preacher and Broadcaster. He founded "The Gospel Radio Broadcast" in 1975 which continues on the air today. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Open Door Baptist Church of Sweetwater, with visitation beginning at 11 a.m. Serenity Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

• Tommye Sue Gilley Hollingsworth, age 77, of Englewood, died Wednesday at Starr Regional of Athens. She retired from Walmart. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m.

• Baby Hadelynn Grace Eaves, of Athens, died Tuesday. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at Companion Funeral

• Kristie Lynn Beacham, age 29, of Athens, died Monday at UT Medical Center. Arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home of Athens.

• Alan D. Usry, age 53, of Niota, died Saturday, March 31st. Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 11 at Duckett-Robinson Funeral Home in Central, SC. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services is in charge of local arrangements.

• Jerry Wayne Dixon, age 61, of Decatur, died Tuesday at Parkwest Hospital in Knoxville. Funeral services will be Monday at 7 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation beginning at 5 p.m.

# **Forgety Honored for Patriotism**

State Representative John Forgety of Athens was recently honored by the Tennessee National Guard for his service to our state and for his patriotism. Major General Max Haston, Adjutant General of the Tennessee National Guard, presented Rep. Forgety with the Adjutant General's Distinguished Patriot Medal prior to a meeting of the House Education Committee members. The award recognizes an individual who distinguishes himself by a significant patriotic act or contribution that serves to promote patriotism and preservation of our state and nation's heritage. Forgety achieved the rank of First Sergeant before retiring from the Tennessee Army National Guard.



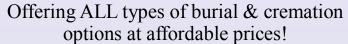


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