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Monday, February 18, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

### Juvenile Charged With Threats

A 16-year-old McMinn County boy faces charges in connection with online threats against a student at Niota Elementary School. Sheriff Joe Guy says several individuals had been arguing and threatening each other on social media last Thursday night, and some of the threats were directed to an 8th grade student. The Niota School Resource Officer, Ashley McClendon, spoke with the student who showed her the posts. She notified the principal. An investigation showed the threats came from a 16-year-old home school student. The student was quickly located at his residence. Sheriff Guy says others involved in the online exchange may be charged as well. Both Sheriff Guy and McMinn Co. Director of Schools Lee Parkison say threats against a student or school will not be tolerated.

#### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Athens Public Works Department advises that traffic flaggers will be working in the area of Glendale Avenue from Park Street to Hill Street from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today as part of the Highway 30 widening project. Expect traffic delays in the area.
- ✓ Athens Utilities Board says local electric power rates will edge down on lower TVA fuel charges in March as the winter season winds down.
- ✓ The Athens City Council holds its monthly meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, at 6 p.m. in the Burkett Witt Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. The public is welcome to attend.

### Van Dyke House Owner Dies in Fall

A tragic accident has claimed the life of James Raymond "Jim" Long, the man who has been restoring the Van Dyke Mansion on Prospect Hill, the hill behind Genesis Baptist Church on Elizabeth Street. Long was working on the house last Friday afternoon when he fell from the roof. He apparently died instantly. He was 65. He and his wife, Lisa, bought the historic mansion in 2010 and began restoring it. The restoration was almost completed when a tornado blew the roof off and caused other major damage on Nov. 30th, 2016. The Longs vowed to start over again. Long was working on the roof when he fell to his death. The Van Dyke Mansion was built around 1833. It served as a residence for Union General William Sherman for a short time during the Civil War.

### MAN DROWNS IN RESCUE ATTEMPT

A McMinn County man drowned and a woman was rescued from high water early Sunday morning. Sheriff Joe Guy says the woman was doing meth at a home on County Road 788 when she walked from the house and wandered into the water. Guy says the man went out to get her, but was unsuccessful. The West Polk Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department responded and deployed two boats. The female was unharmed. The male was recovered, but he did not survive. Sheriff Guy says it's unclear if the man was doing meth. The incident remains under investigation. No names have been released.

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## Obituaries

♦ **Eugene (Gene) M. McNutt**, age 79, of Niota, died last Wednesday at Select Specialty Hospital in Knoxville. He was a mechanic for Heritage Chevrolet in Athens. He spent four years in the Navy. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in Niota Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Jerry Lee Cole**, age 64, of Englewood, died last Tuesday at his home. No services are scheduled at this time. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **David A. Daugherty**, age 54, of Englewood, died last Thursday at Standifer Place Health Center in Chattanooga. Graveside services were held Sunday at Liberty Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home was in charge.

♦ **Haney Howell**, age 75, of Rock Hill, South Carolina, died February 11th of complications from pneumonia. He was a native of Copperhill. He worked as a radio announcer while attending Tennessee Wesleyan University. He later became a war correspondent for the CBS News Bureau in Saigon and covered the Vietnam War. He appeared frequently on the CBS Evening News with Walter Cronkite. In recent years, he was a professor in the mass communication department at Winthrop University in South Carolina. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24th, at Winthrop University. Greene Funeral Home is in charge.



♦ **Charles E. Casteel**, age 76, of Etowah, died Saturday at Starr Regional Medical Center. He was an Army veteran and worked at Mecca Pike Auto Repair for 32 years. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Conasauga Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Anna Elizabeth Shields**, age 84, of Niota, died last Wednesday at Starr Regional Medical Center. She sang in the choir at Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Niota. She also served on the Usher Board and was part of the kitchen staff. Homegoing services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Oak Grove Baptist Church, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m. M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements

♦ **David Willard Miller**, age 67, of Decatur, died Friday at Select Specialty Hospital in Knoxville. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

**Today is Presidents' Day.** Public schools are closed. Federal and state government offices are also closed, along with most banks and the post office.

- Spring starts in 30 days! However, the Jonquils aren't waiting. Richard & Elaine Newman sent this photo of the flowers along their driveway in Downtown Athens.



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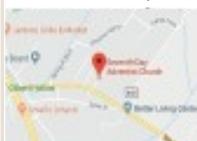
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