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Tuesday, December 31, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

Meigs Girl Shot by Arrow

The Meigs County Sheriff's Office says a 5-year-old girl is recovering after being shot in her head with an arrow. Authorities say it happened at a residence on Highway 58 South Sunday afternoon. Sheriff Jackie Melton says the girl's brother had a crossbow with an arrow in it. He aimed it at a wall and accidentally pulled the trigger. The girl was taken to Tennova Healthcare in Cleveland and then to Children's Hospital at Erlanger for surgery.

✓ The Good Faith Clinic will be closed today. The next Good Faith Clinic will be on Tuesday, January 14th, on the campus of Christ Community Church.

✓ Today is the final day to pay your city and/or county property taxes if you want to get an income tax deduction for those taxes in 2019.

✓ The Tennessee Highway Patrol will be conducting a Sobriety Checkpoint in McMinn County at Highway 30 and Denso Drive at 11 p.m. tonight, Dec. 31st.

✓ McMinn Junior Livestock members have half or whole hogs for sale. The weight ranges from 250-300 pounds. The cost is \$2 per pound live weight. Exact weight will be determined at the state hog show the second week of January. All hogs have been raised by 4-H and FFA members in McMinn County. For more information, contact the UT Extension Office at 745-2852.

Winds Cause Power Outages

Rain-softened soil combined by stiff winds caused lots of power outages across McMinn County Sunday night and during the early hours of Monday. This photo from AUB was taken on County Road 750 near the Land Fill.

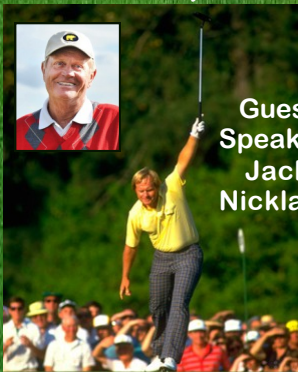


High winds rolled a mobile home near Decatur. The photo below is courtesy of: newschannel9.com/



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Tuesday: Partly sunny. High 48.

Tue Night: Clear. Low 29.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny. High 50.

Wed Night: Cloudy. Possible rain in p.m. High 45.

Thursday: Cloudy & milder. Occasional rain. High 59.

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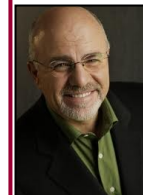
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Tuesday, December 31, 2019 Morning Fax®...Today's News This Morning Page 2 Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

- ♦ **Rev. Robert (Bob) Lucas, Jr.**, age 81, of Athens, died Sunday at NHC of Athens. He served in the Air Force, then worked as an adjuster with Liberty Mutual Insurance until he was called to the ministry. He served Presbyterian churches in Pennsylvania, Florida, and Tennessee, including serving as pastor of Mars Hill Presbyterian Church in Athens from 1994 to 2000. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at Mars Hill Presbyterian. The family will receive friends in the fellowship hall following the service. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Nelle "Shirley" Montooth Curnutt**, age 83, of Ten Mile, died Sunday at her residence. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, with visitation from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Maxine Lankford McNabb**, age 76, of Athens, died Sunday at Parkwest Medical Center. She was retired from Collins and Aikman. There will be no formal visitation or services. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Violet Rowlett Burrell**, age 89, of Etowah, died last Friday at her home. She worked at Morgan Manufacturing for 22 years. A Celebration of Life and Home going will be held at 12 noon Friday, at Zion Hill Baptist Church, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Serenity of Etowah Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Lee Roy Atkins**, age 86, of Athens, died Saturday at Life Care Center of Athens. He was a mechanic and body man for Roderick's and Bypass Motors. Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Serenity Funeral of Etowah, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m.
- ♦ **Roy Franklin Mulins**, age 75, died Sunday in a Sweetwater Nursing Home. He worked doing local home improvements. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens.

Another Joe Guy History Minute

It's easy to step on a grave in McMinn County. There are over 41,000 known graves in McMinn County, in almost 300 known cemeteries. It is possible that there are over 1,000 more unmarked or lost graves in McMinn Co alone, forgotten in forests, fields, under roads, barns, and even homes. So there is about one cemetery for every square mile.

Cemeteries themselves range from private family graves to church graveyards, to city-owned and even privately-owned perpetual care cemeteries.

Some folks are surprised to learn that, in Tennessee, a grave can be placed almost anywhere, as long as it is 10 feet away from a dwelling place, and once a burial is made, the piece of ground cannot be used for any other purpose. It also surprises many folks that a body does not have to be embalmed or even be buried in a coffin...this is only a requirement by the owner of the cemetery. We may assume there are rules, but actually funeral and burial traditions have changed very much over the centuries.

So no matter where you might be in McMinn County, it is likely that at least one grave is closer to you than you might think.

(McMinn County historian and Sheriff, Joe Guy, has prepared a series of vignettes about McMinn County's history. It is our pleasure to publish these in The Morning Fax)



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