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Athens, Tennessee

A Busy Day & Night for AUB

The high winds that blew through the Athens area during the day on Saturday and Saturday night brought down numerous trees and tree limbs, resulting in widespread power outages. The photos below from AUB show a tree across power lines on Cook Drive and AUB workers putting the finishing touch on a power pole that had to be replaced on Watson Street.





Radio Club Wins Pay It Forward

The McMinn County Amateur Radio Club has received a \$1,000 Pay It Forward Award from Bowater Credit Union. The Credit Union asked its members to nominate their favorite non-profit in the five counties it serves. Bill Luecken nominated the Amateur Radio Club for its work in providing emergency communications. He pointed out that when the tornado hit McMinn County in November 2016, the club's radio repeater network was the only communication system capable of county-wide communications. Bowater Credit Union also gave a \$1,000 award to Isaiah 117 House in Bradley County. The photo from Kim Gunter shows: (L -R) Bill Luecken, Gary Eiff (Amateur Radio Club President), his wife, Mary Ann Eiff, Steve Rickerson (Radio Club Vice President), & Tiffany Barnes (Bowater CU Athens Branch Manager)







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Obituaries

- Anna Belle Rothwell, age 92, of Calhoun, died Saturday. She worked for 22 years as a Psychiatric Technician for the California Developmental Center. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Bowers Funeral Home.
- James William "Jim" Bledsoe, age 54, of Sweetwater, died Friday at Sweetwater Hospital. He was a native of McMinn County and was associated with Morgan-Olsen Corp. in Loudon. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday.
- Kamy Rayburn Gamble, 59, of Etowah, died Saturday. She worked at Mayfield Dairy for many years. Services will be 7 p.m. Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- Charles "Charlie" W. Womac, 72, of Athens, died Sunday at Starr Regional of Athens. He retired from Mayfield's as a transport driver. Funeral services will be 7 p.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- George Bernie Hayes, 67, of Niota, died Monday at U.T. Medical Center in Knoxville. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Union McMinn Baptist Church with visitation from 5 to 7 at the church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

The first Good Faith Clinic of 2020 will be held this afternoon on the campus of Christ Community Church on Congress Parkway. Doors open at 2:30. The Good Faith Clinic is for medically uninsured residents of McMinn and Meigs counties.

Another Moment of History

The Keith Mansion on Keith Lane in Athens is one of McMinn County's most well-known historic homes. Built just prior to the Civil War the house was the home of Alexander and Sarah Fore Keith. It was the center of a huge farm of hundreds of acres that was at the time on the outskirts of Athens.

The Keith house was actually the second brick home on the site, the first built in 1835 for Dr. Augustine Fore. Dr. Fore died in 1847, and the house burned in April 1856. In 1858, his son-inlaw Alexander Keith built a new home, which we know today as the Keith House. The home was designed by Thomas Crutchfield. and the brick was hand-made on site by slaves.

During the winter of 1864, thousands of Union troops camped around the house and farm, damaging many of the farm buildings and the house itself. In 1938, a smaller front porch was removed and the great four-columned porch was added, and much of the house was remodeled with modern utilities.

The house remained in the Keith family until the late 20th century, and is today our most recognized historic home.

(These McMinn County History Minutes are written by County Historian and Sheriff, Joe Guy. They are also aired daily on WYXI Radio, AM-1390 and FM 94.5)

TODAY IN HISTORY—JANUARY 14th

1741 - Benedict Arnold, the American Revolutionary War general and traitor, was born. Arnold was in command of West Point in 1780 and devised a scheme to surrender the fort to the British. The plan was exposed before it could take place. Arnold escaped to New York City, where he became a general in the British army.

1873 — 'Celluloid' was registered as a trademark. It was the wonderful invention of John Hyattin 1869. While waiting for a patent, he used the celluloid to wrap his Christmas presents. Then he got the idea that somebody might be able to make movies with the stuff.

1914 - Henry Ford began the assembly-line method of building cars on this date. The first car to roll off the line was the famous 'Model T" Ford.

1938 - Singer Jack Jones was born. Among his hit records was

"Dear Heart" and "Lollipops and Roses."

1951- The first National Football League Pro Bowl All-Star Game was played in Los Angeles, California. The American Conference defeated the National Conference in a squeaker -- 28-27

1954 - Marilyn Monroe married baseball great, Joe DiMaggio. The marriage lasted nine months. After her death (in 1962), Di-Maggio had red roses delivered to her crypt two to three times a week for some twenty years.

1964 - A hootenanny was held for the first time at the White House, as the New Christy Minstrels entertained President and Lady Bird Johnson, as well as the President of Italy.

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