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**Today's News...This Morning**

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Athens, Tennessee

Wednesday-March 7, 2012

## Local & State News

### ◆ BLEVINS NAMED SCHOOL DIRECTOR

McMinn County's new Director of Schools will be Mickey Blevins. Blevins was chosen unanimously by the Board of Education to replace David Pierce, who is retiring at the end of June. There were only two candidates--Blevins and Joe Gaston. Blevins is currently the Elementary Curriculum Supervisor for Pre-K through 8th Grade. He was a former teacher and principal at Calhoun Elementary School, a graduate of Lee University, and has a Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He will assume his new duties on July 1st.



### ◆ VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED IN COG HILL

McMinn County Mayor John Gentry says volunteers are still needed to help clean up damage from the tornado which devastated the Cog Hill community last Friday. Gentry says chain saw crews are especially needed, as well as people who have dozers or front-end loaders. Call 263-9312 (Etowah Rescue Squad) or 745-7634 (McMinn County Mayor) if you can help.

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## NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ Rick Santorum won Tennessee's Republican Presidential Primary with nearly a 50,000 vote margin over Mitt Romney, who placed 2nd. In the Property Assessor's race, Jerry Anderson won the McMinn County Republican Nomination with 39% of the vote. He will face independent candidate Jane Glass in the General Election in August. In the Meigs County Property Assessor's race, Billy Breeden won the Republican nomination with 65% of the vote.

◆ President Obama has announced a plan to let homeowners with mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Administration refinance at lower rates, saving about \$1,000 a year.

◆ A professor at Middle Tennessee State University is trying to drive across the country from Savannah, Georgia, to Long Beach, California, on just 10 gallons of gasoline. Prof. Cliff Ricketts has outfitted a car to run on compressed hydrogen, batteries, and E95, which is mostly ethanol with a little conventional gasoline mixed in. His next big goal is to go coast to coast on sun and water.

◆ Songwriter Robert B. Sherman has died in London at the age of 86. He and his brother, Richard, wrote "It's a Small World After All" for the 1964 World's Fair and the Disney classic, "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious."



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## "Art Underfoot"

The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum is currently hosting its 3rd annual hooked rug show, "Art Underfoot." The exhibit showcases some of the region's most beautiful pieces of hooked art, including rugs, wall hangings, pillows, and footstools. The exhibit continues through Wednesday, March 28th. The museum is open Mon-Fri, 10a.m.-5 p.m.



## Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The McMinn County School Board holds its regular monthly session this Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Englewood Elementary School.
- ✓ The 32nd annual Special Olympics Track & Field Events will be held Saturday, May 12th, at the McMinn County High School gymnasium. Athletes must be at least 8 years old. To be able to participate in Special Olympics, athletes must have an intellectual disability, a cognitive delay, or a development disability. For applications or more information, contact Kent Wilson, the Special Olympics Event Coordinator, at 745-4501 or 829-5219.
- ✓ A Chili Cook-off and Auction to benefit the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society will be held on Saturday, March 10, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Crye-Leike Realtors, 580 S. Congress Parkway, Athens. To enter your chili or to donate items for the auction, call Cathy Swafford at 829-6283.
- ✓ The State Soil Conservation Committee has called an election to fill expiring terms for three positions on the McMinn Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors. The election will be held on Wednesday, March 14th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the McMinn County Soil Conservation Office, 320 N. Congress Parkway, Athens.

## Spring is in the air



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A single car wreck on the Bowater Road near C.R. 907 Tuesday afternoon, injured two people from Etowah. Lennie Jackson was driving a Nissan Maxima eastbound when, according to the THP, he 'sneezed' and ran off the road. The Jaws of Life were used to remove the doors and roof before he and his passenger, Avery Jackson, could be removed from the wreckage. They were taken by AMR to Bowater where they were transferred to Air-Evac and

Lifestar and flown to Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga. The Etowah Rescue Squad, McMinn County Rescue Squad, & Calhoun Rural Fire Department responded to the call. (Photo by Jay Thomson)



## THIS DAY IN HISTORY - March 7

- 1849** - The famous American botanist, Luther Burbank, was born. He developed a technique of "crossing" two plants with each other to produce a third. As a result, he came up with such creations as a "plumcot," a cross between a plum and the apricot...and the "pomato," a cross between a potato and a tomato.
- 1876** - Inventor Alexander Graham Bell got a patent for the telephone on this date.
- 1939** - Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians recorded "Auld Lang Syne," which became one of the most popular songs of the 20th Century.
- 1948** - The singer known as Little Peggy March was born. Her biggest hit record was "I Will Follow Him."
- 1970** - A total solar eclipse swept from southern Mexico up the eastern seaboard of the U.S. and past the maritime provinces of Canada. Even though we were warned not to look directly at the sun during the eclipse, most of us did anyway.