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Friday, January 22, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ 7-YEAR SENTENCE FOR PLOT TO KILL WIFE

David Charles Johnson of Athens faces seven years in prison after pleading guilty to attempting to hire someone to murder his wife. Prosecutors say Johnson hatched a plan to hire two men to drive a rental truck head-on into his wife's car on U.S. 11 between Calhoun and Riceville. If that did not kill her, the men were to pour gasoline on her car and set it on fire. One of the men alerted police, and Johnson was arrested. Authorities say he wanted to kill his wife because he had become romantically involved with a woman he met while he was on a work trip to Germany. He will have to serve at least 20% of his sentence before being eligible for parole.

◆ CANCELLATIONS

- The McMinn County Board of Education Workshop and called meeting originally scheduled for last night (Thursday) has been rescheduled for next Thursday, January 28th, beginning at 5 p.m.
- The Annual Membership meeting of McMinn County Farmers Mutual Insurance Company for tomorrow has been postponed until next Saturday, January 30th, at 10 a.m.
- Heritage School with woodworker Johnny McGrew at the McMinn Living Heritage Museum on Saturday is cancelled.

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NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ According to meteorologists at the National Weather Service, a major winter storm, with the "potential" to bring historic amounts of snowfall to certain regions, is expected to hit the East Coast this weekend. Some 15 states are facing winter storm watches and DC and Baltimore are facing a blizzard watch.

◆ The body of 2-year-old Noah Chamberlin was found Thursday about 1.5 miles from his home near Pinson, TN. He had been missing for over a week. No foul play was suspected. The boy became lost or ran away from his grandmother and sister while walking in the woods.



◆ MORE WINTRY WEATHER IN THE FORECAST

A winter weather advisory is in effect for the Athens area from 1 p.m. Friday to 7 p.m. Saturday. Rain will transition to a mix of rain, sleet, freezing rain, and snow by Friday afternoon. Snow will become the dominant precipitation type by Friday night. Accumulations of up to 1 to 3 inches of snow will be possible. The wintry precipitation could cause hazardous driving conditions beginning as early as Friday night.

◆ MORE CANCELLATIONS

- The American Legion Friday night Fish Fry at the VFW Post has been cancelled due to the weather. Be sure to bookmark our "Closings" page and visit it often for updates. Here's the link: www.wyxi.net/cancellations&closings.htm.
- No school closings** have been reported for Friday for the Athens and McMinn County area. Christ Legacy Academy and McMinn County did report to us that they would open Friday.

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WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

Friday - 100% rain in A.M. rain and snow in PM. Highs- upper 30's.
Friday night - 100% rain. Chance of light freezing rain & sleet. Snow & sleet accumulation of 1"-3". Lows-upper 20's.
Saturday - Mostly cloudy. 60% snow. Light snow accumulation possible. Highs-mid 30's.
Sunday - Sunny. Highs- mid 40's.
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Church News & Events

- The Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University Classes are starting soon at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Call Diva at 745-2224 to sign up for the next class which begins January 26th at 6 p.m.
- The Talleys scheduled to sing tonight at 7 p.m. at Pope Avenue Baptist Church in Athens has been cancelled.
- Pastor Michael Plowman, of Liberty Baptist Church in Lyons, Georgia, will be the guest speaker this Sunday at the Fairview Baptist Church at 261 County Road 439. He will speak in the morning and evening services, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Restaurant Inspection Scores

The following restaurants were inspected between Jan. 8th and Jan. 19th. A score of 70 and above is passing.

- McDonald's of Etowah - 99**
- Hardee's, Etowah - 99**
- Sonic of Etowah - 98**
- Domino's Pizza, Etowah - 98**
- Subway, Eastside, Athens - 98**
- Hardee's I-75, Athens - 97**

Obituaries

- **Hoyt Wendell Ware**, age 89, died Wednesday at his home. He served in the Navy during World War II, was a deputy sheriff under Sheriff D.T. Nation, and was an employee of the McMinn County Public Works Department. A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5-7 p.m.
- **Robert Terry Hillman**, age 64, died Sunday. He was a sound engineer in the film industry. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday at 4 p.m. at the McMinn Senior Activity Center.

COACH MULLINAX UPDATE

John Mullinax, who has spent 44 years coaching high school football (including 19 years at McMinn High), is involved in the biggest fight of his life. Mullinax, who is 70, was diagnosed in October with lung cancer. Since then, he has been undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatments in Knoxville. He has finished five weeks of treatments and has two more to go. Through it all, he has been able to keep teaching half a day at Tellico Plains High School, where he is currently head football coach. Mullinax goes to the school in the mornings and friends, coaches, or former players then drive him to Knoxville for treatments. Afterward, he returns to Tellico High to teach a weight-lifting class. Mullinax says he has asked his doctors if he can coach for five more years, and they said "Absolutely!" He says he doesn't want to come home and sit. He wants to be out there coaching.

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