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# **Local & State News**

#### **◆ EARLY VOTING ENDS TODAY**

If you are planning to vote early in the March 1st presidential primary, today is the final day. Early voting will end today at 6 p.m. at the McMinn County Election Commission office. Six other Southern states will join Tennessee on March 1st to help decide who could be the next president of the United States. Here in McMinn County, voters will also choose a property assessor. Voters who live in Athens or own property in Athens will also be able to vote on a referendum that would raise the local sales tax 3/4 of a percent.

#### ◆ COUNTY LAWSUIT AGAINST STATE GOES ON

A judge in Nashville has ruled that a lawsuit filed against the State of Tennessee will be allowed to proceed. McMinn County Schools and six other county school districts are suing the state, claiming that they are not receiving the proper amount of revenue because of the state's funding formula. A recent petition was made to include all 141 school systems with a "class-action" status, but the judge declined that request. The other districts include Bradley, Coffee, Grundy, Hamilton, Marion, and Polk Counties. Should McMinn County Schools and the other districts win the case, it could cost the state's taxpayers as much as \$500 million dollars.

**Portrait** Shoppe

**Live Bunnies for Easter Pictures** February 27 - April 2

## NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

- ◆ Some victims of the San Bernardino terrorist attack will file a legal brief in support of the U.S. government's attempt to force Apple Inc. to unlock the encrypted iPhone belonging to one of the shooters. The victims have an interest in the information which goes beyond the Justice Department's criminal investigation.
- U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said he and his Russian counterpart, Sergei Lavrov, have reached a provisional agreement on terms of a cessation of hostilities in Syria and the sides were closer to a ceasefire than ever before.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Athens City Council will have a called meeting next Monday, February 29th, at 5 p.m. in the Municipal Building to discuss the sales tax and property tax information letter that was mailed to Athens property owners.
- Morning Star Ministries will hold open house at their new location at #5 McMinn Avenue this Thursday, Feb. 25th, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.
- ✓ An open meeting of the 2016 Senior Olympics Planning Committee will be held this Thursday at 12 noon at the McMinn Senior Center. Anyone wIshing to volunteer or participate on the committee is welcome to attend.

## Re-elect

Keith Price Assessor of Property





Dr. Vickie Turnbough is proud to welcome to **Medical Associates** of Athens

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Info: 423-829-5331 daveramsey.com/findaclass meets every Tues. 6:30-8pm - 9 weeks

## RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



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## Co-Ed T-Ball Leagues

Ages: Beginner League, 4 years; Intermediate League, 5-7 years Cost: Members \$40 per player Non-Members, \$60 per player Reg. Feb. 1-March 13

Practice begins Week of March 28-April 1 Monday/Tuesday Games at 5:30pm Questions: 423.745.4904 or lane@athensmcminnymca.org

### WEATHER FORECAST

Tuesday - Cloudy. 70% rain. Highs around 60.

Tuesday night - 90% rain & t'storms. Lows in the lower 50's Wednesday - 90% rain & t'storms. Highs in the lower 60's

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**Old-time Radio Shows** 6:05-7 pm Nightly **WYXI AM-1390** 

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## **Almost Fifty Years of Gospel Music**

The annual Burke's Sunday Morning Gospel Jubilee Sing Fest was held Sunday afternoon at Greater Deliverance Ministries Church in Athens. The event marked the 49th Anniversary of the popular Gospel Jubilee program, which is broadcast on WYXI Radio each Sunday morning from 9 to 10. Several gospel groups from around the area participated, and a love offering was taken to support the program. The radio program was started by the late W.E. Burke. The present cohosts of the program are Karen King, Stanley Blair, and Jasmine Porter-McDermott. Shown below are members of the Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church Male Chorus.



## **Obituaries**

- Ellen Hunt, age 82, of Englewood, died this past Saturday at her residence. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m.
- Wayne Oliver Brown, age 70, of Athens, died Sunday at his residence. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in Cedar Grove Cemetery, with visitation from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home.
- Sandra Kaye Melton Parrott, age 65, of Etowah, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home.
- Kenneth Williams, age 88, of Etowah, died Monday at Willow Acres. He was a bird dog trainer and owned Williams Kennels. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Serenity Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at Serenity.

#### TIME TO CHOOSE NEW SAFETY MESSAGES

TDOT is having is annual safety message contest for the interstate billboards. Twelve submissions have been selected for the final round. Among them:

"OH SNAP!- IT'S THE LAW - BUCKLE UP"

"PRACTICE SAFE TEXT - DON'T DO IT WHILE DRIVING"

"LEAVE THE BUZZ TO THE BEES - DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE"

"BOB DOESN'T SPEED - BE LIKE BOB"

"ALCOHOL YOU LATER - DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE"

"GET THE CELL OFF YOUR PHONE - AND DRIVE"

The winning slogans will be chosen in early March.

## TODAY IN HISTORY - FEBRUARY 23rd

- 1685 German composer Georg Friedrich Handel was born. He's best known for the "Messiah," and, particularly, the rousing and inspiring "Hallelujah Chorus."
- **1822 -** Boston was granted a charter to incorporate as a city.
- **1836 -** The siege of the Alamo began in San Antonio, Texas.
- 1847 U.S. troops under Gen. Zachary Taylor defeated Mexican general Santa Anna at the Battle of Buena Vista in
- 1848 John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States, died at age 80 in Washington, D.C., two days after suffering a stroke on the floor of the House of Representatives.
- 1889 Movie director Victor Fleming was born. He directed both "Gone With the Wind" and "Wizard of Oz."
- **1942** A Japanese submarine surfaced off the coast of California and fired 25 shells at an oil refinery near Santa Barbara.
- 1945 Six members of the Marines 5th Division planted an American flag atop Mount Suribachi on the Pacific Island of Iwo Jima. The island had been held by the Japanese.
- 1991 The U.S. and its allies launched a large-scale ground assault against Iragi troops in Kuwait and southern Irag. Operation Desert Storm ended four days later with a cease-fire as Iraqi troops withdrew.
- **1997** Scientists in Scotland announced they had cloned an adult mammal, producing a lamb named Dolly.
- 1999 A jury in Jasper, Texas, convicted white supremacist John William King of murder in the dragging death of an African-American man, James Byrd Jr.