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Athens, Tennessee

Local and Area News

◆ FIRE DESTROYS BARN

The Athens and Clearwater Rural Fire Departments and the McMinn Fire and Rescue responded to a barn fire on County Road 220 last Thursday evening. The homeowner says the fire may have been caused by a heat lamp. The barn was a total loss.

(Photo by Megan Bryan of the Niota Fire Department)



National-World News

◆ The massive winter storm that moved through the Southeast and up the Eastern Seaboard, left 28 states under a blanket of snow and ice. In Nashville, over 300 wrecks occurred within a four hour period. Locally, about a dozen wrecks were reported by dispatchers in McMinn County.

◆ Connecticut state troopers reported at least 20 cars, three tractor-trailers and a tanker crashed into each other on Interstate 91 due to the winter storm. There were no serious injuries reported.

◆ In the wake of Friday's mass shooting at a Fort Lauderdale airport that left five people dead and multiple others injured, a national security expert says a consistent, visible presence of armed officers is needed in public areas of the nation's airports.

◆ A man suspected of shooting a U.S. consulate officer outside the consulate in Guadalajara, Mexico, has been captured. The man was captured by the special forces of the state of Jalisco, and handed over to federal prosecutors.

◆ An Illinois judge denied bail for the four black suspects charged in connection with a Facebook video that allegedly showed them torturing an 18-year-old white man whom police characterized as having "mental challenges."

◆ Four people were killed and more than a dozen wounded in West Jerusalem Sunday when a truck ran over a group of Israeli soldiers. The incident is being called a terror attack by Israeli police. The driver of the vehicle, who was a resident of East Jerusalem, was shot dead at the scene.

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December - 2016 Property Transfers

Between December 1st 2016 and January 1st 2017 there was a total of 56 sales of single family homes in McMinn County. The overall sales volume was \$7,976,650 with a medium sales price of \$136,500. Below are sales under \$100,000. See a future edition of the Morning Fax for more transfers.

Athens Pike	Etowah	\$13,000
Athens Street	Englewood	\$13,800
Ohio Ave	Etowah	\$39,000
Wabash Street	Athens	\$40,000
Summit Street	Athens	\$45,000
County Road 283	Niota	\$49,900
State Highway 58	Decatur	\$50,000
County Road 741	Riceville	\$58,500
Jones Street	Athens	\$64,900
County Road 266	Sweetwater	\$68,000
Haley St	Athens	\$68,300
3rd Street	Etowah	\$74,200
Hammerhill Road	Athens	\$74,500
Astrid Street	Athens	\$77,400
Towanda Tr	Athens	\$80,000
County Road 226	Niota	\$80,000
County Road 64	Riceville	\$86,500
Pope St	Athens	\$87,500
Athens Pike	Etowah	\$94,000
Hanel Street	Athens	\$98,000
County Road 513	Etowah	\$98,400

Data Provided by TVASinc www.tvasinc.com

Obituaries

- **Rebecca Lankford**, age 64, of Riceville, died Saturday at Erlanger. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- **Ozella Goforth**, age 86, of Athens, died Saturday at her home. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- **Linda Jo Houchins Holtz Scarbrough**, age 75, of Athens, died Friday at Life Care Center of Athens. She had worked as a legal Secretary for the Randy Ayres Law Firm for many years. A funeral service will be held Monday at 7 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at Ziegler.
- **John Summerfield "Chick" Price**, age 76, of Athens, died Thursday at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. He won the 1964 Golden Glove Award in boxing and was a heavy equipment operator at TVA for over 20 years. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7.
- **John Parkinson, MD, EdD**, age 80, of Riceville, died Friday at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.
- **Les Schnepf**, age 55, of Athens, died December 30th. A memorial service will be held this Wednesday at 12 noon at Athens First Baptist Church in the sanctuary.
- **Dorothy Dean Womac Crisp**, age 78, of Decatur, died last Thursday at Parkwest Medical Center. Funeral services were held this past Saturday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.
- **Alice Lee Thomas**, age 91, of Etowah, died last Thursday at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. A graveside service was held Sunday with Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah in charge.
- **Mary Ruth Cook Tarver**, age 81, of Decatur, died Friday. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Chattanooga National Cemetery, with visitation from 5 to 9 p.m. Monday at Bowers Funeral Home.

TODAY IN HISTORY—JANUARY 9th

- 1788** - Connecticut became the 5th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.
- 1793** - Jean-Pierre Blanchard made the first successful balloon flight in the United States. Blanchard's balloon, filled with hydrogen, took off from Philadelphia, PA, soared to 5,800 feet and eventually wound up some 15 miles away, in Woodbury, New Jersey.
- 1861** - Mississippi seceded from the Union.
- 1913** - Richard Nixon, the 37th President, was born. He was a Congressman and Senator from California, served as Vice-President under President Eisenhower, and was elected President in 1968 and re-elected in 1972. He resigned in 1974 while facing almost certain impeachment for his involvement in the Watergate scandal.
- 1951** - Singer Crystal Gayle was born. Her biggest hits include "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue" and "I'll Get Over You." She is Loretta Lynn's younger sister.
- 1968** - The Surveyor 7 space probe made a soft landing on the moon. It was the last of America's unmanned explorations of the lunar surface.
- 2001** - Apple Computer Inc. introduced its iTunes music management software.
- 2006** - "The Phantom of the Opera" became the longest-running Broadway show with 7,485 performances
- 2007** - Apple CEO Steve Jobs unveiled the first iPhone.
- 2009** - The Illinois House voted to impeach Gov. Rod Blagojevich for corruption. (The Democratic governor was convicted and removed from office by the state Senate later in the month)