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State & Local News

♦ McMinn Countians Witness Trump Inaugural

Several people from McMinn County traveled to Washington, DC last week to witness the Inauguration of Donald Trump as the 45th President of the United States. Among the group were McMinn County Mayor John Gentry and his assistant Mark Cochran and a group of their friends. The photo below was taken by Macey Holden Garkovich on Pennsylvania Avenue between the Capitol and the White House.



National - World News

- ◆ NFL fans have dubbed it #Alarmgate. The Pittsburgh Steelers were awakened by a pulled fire alarm at their hotel at 3:40 a.m., the night before their game against the New England Patriots to decide the AFC Championship. The prank immediately reminded fans of past scandals involving the Patriots. Police said the alarm was pulled by a man who wasn't a member of the New England team.
- ◆ At least 15 people died over the weekend due to tornadoes, as a violent system of storms worked its way across the Florida Panhandle and in parts of Georgia and Alabama. At least 11 people died and around two dozen were injured in Georgia from tornadoes early Sunday morning, adding to four tornado-related deaths that occurred in Mississippi on Saturday morning.
- ◆Former Kansas City Royals pitcher Yordano Ventura died in a car crash in the Dominican Republic at the age of 25. In a separate car crash also in the Dominican Republic, former Major League infielder Andy Marte was killed. He was 33. The deaths of each pitcher took place Sunday morning.
- ◆ Presidential adviser Kellyanne Conway said the issue of crowd sizes at Donald Trump's inauguration on Friday in comparison to prior inaugurations is "not so important." Her comments came just hours after President Trump made claims about turnout and ordered his press secretary, Sean Spicer, to hold his first press conference to reiterate them. Spicer blasted the media, accusing news organizations of intentionally framing photographs to "minimize the enormous support" and claiming the January 20th ceremony had the "largest audience ever."

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Wednesday - Partly cloudy. 20% rain. High-low 60s.

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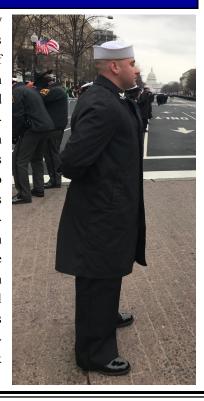
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Former Athenian "On Guard"

Pictured to the right is Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class James Turner, a graduate of McMinn County High School in 2007. He stood across from Trump International Hotel on inauguration day. Turner said, "Politics aside, it was an honor to represent the United States Navy during the 58th Presidential Inauguration, which both the President and Vice President walked right in front of me. It was a surreal experience that will always be treasured." Photo submitted by Morning Fax reader Geoffery Smith.



Obituaries

- Billy Ray Thompson, age 58, of Birmingham, Alabama, died Saturday at St. Vincent's East Hospital. He was a native of Sweetwater and lived many years in Monroe and McMinn Counties. A Graveside Service will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Christianburg cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home.
- **Jerry Qualls,** 70, of Etowah, died last Thursday at his residence. He was retired from Bowater Technical Department and had served in the National Guard. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- Sheryl "Diane" Harris, age 59, of Decatur, died Saturday at the family residence. A Funeral Service will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Bowers Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- William (Bud) Millsaps, age 74, of Athens, died Saturday. He was a native of Ball Play and owned Millsaps Pulp Wood. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Old Fashion Baptist Church with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m. at the church. Laycock-Hobbs is in charge.
- ♦ An Athens man is among 330 prison inmates who were pardoned by former President Obama last week. Adrian R. Brown was originally sentenced to life in prison for conspiracy to distribute cocaine and for attempting to conduct unlawful financial transactions affecting interstate commerce. The president granted commutation to Brown on the condition that he enroll in a drug treatment program.

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TODAY IN HISTORY—JANUARY 23th

1719 - The principality of Liechtenstein was constituted on this date. The tiny country is located in a valley in the Alps between Austria and Switzerland. It occupies only 61 square miles.

1737 - John Hancock, the first signer of the Declaration of Independence, was born. He became famous for his bold signature. Even today, when a man signs a document, he is said to have written his "John Hancock."

1968 - North Korean forces seized the U.S. spy ship Pueblo, the first American naval vessel captured at sea since 1812. The 82 crew members and one body were released after 10 months of secret negotiations.

1973 - President Richard Nixon announced an accord had been reached to end the Vietnam War.

2002 - Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl was abducted in Karachi, Pakistan, by a group demanding the return of prisoners from the Afghan war. He was later beheaded and video of the killing was shown on TV.