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Tuesday, February 28, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

Fire Destroys CR 564 House

The home below located on County Road 564, Englewood, was destroyed by fire Sunday morning. The fire apparently broke out in the basement. The owners were at home at the time of the fire. They lost everything. The Englewood, Athens, and Etowah Rural Fire Departments responded. Englewood Captain Caleb Martin was in charge.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram with the Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



National & World News

- ◆ The chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, Rep. Devin Nunes, R-California, says that he has not seen any "evidence" of contacts between the Trump campaign and the Russian government amid an investigation into Russian activities during the 2016 election.
- ◆ Ryan Alexander Duke, has been arrested in connection with the 2005 disappearance of Georgia high school teacher, Tara Grinstead. Duke was charged with burglary, aggravated assault, murder and concealing a death during his first court appearance last Thursday.
- ◆ Police say more than 500 headstones were broken or overturned at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, a Jewish cemetery in Philadelphia, in an act of vandalism.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Athens Parks and Recreation Department reminds you that the deadline for ordering a brick to be placed in the Veterans Park walkway in honor or in memory of a veteran is this Thursday, March 2nd. The bricks will be dedicated in a ceremony on June 4th. The bricks are \$50 each. Order forms are available at the Recreation Department at the Athens Municipal Building.
- ✓ The McMinn Senior Activity Center is offering free art classes to seniors this spring. The first class to be offered is a Mixed Media Class on March 10th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The instructor will be Julie Jack, who also teaches art at TWU. For more information, call 745-6830.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Tuesday - Scattered t'storms. 80% rain. High 67.
Wednesday - T'storms. 90% rain. High 66.
Thursday - Partly cloudy. High 55.
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Planning for the Eclipse

There will be a total eclipse of the sun on August 21st. The eclipse will be most visible along a line running from Watts Bar Lake east-southeast through the Niota area. Plans are being made in Polk County and in Sweetwater to attract tourists for the event. Officials in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park have announced plans for the Great American Total Eclipse on Monday, August 21st. The park will have a ticketed event at Clingmans Dome for 1,325 people and informal eclipse viewing sites at Cades Cove and Oconaluftee. The park is teaming up with NASA, Southwestern Community College, and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to provide a special event featuring speakers and storytellers who will talk about the science and cultural connection behind the event. At 6,643 feet in elevation, Clingmans Dome offers a unique possibility of seeing the moon's shadow approaching across the landscape. The area will be closed to all public vehicle traffic. The parking area will be converted into a special event site that will include a jumbotron screen for participating in a national NASA TV broadcast, telescopes, exhibits, and a stage for the speakers. Tickets will cost \$30 each. Ticket-holders will be shuttled to the site by buses.

Obituaries

- ♦ **Susan Marie Arden Watkins**, age 59, of Niota, died Sunday at Select Specialty Hospital in Knoxville. She had worked at Niota Hosiery Mill and was a retired nail technician. She was a member of the Niota Fire Department. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Vivian Yarbrough**, age 87, of Athens, died last Friday. She was the owner of Country Décor and the Cottage Antiques and Collectibles. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Ralph Buckner Funeral Home, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m.
- ♦ **Rosalee Rodgers Goforth**, age 76, of Riceville, died Sunday at her home. She had worked at Van Raalte Hosiery Mill and was a McMinn School bus driver for over 32 years. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday at Short Creek Cemetery. There will be no formal visitation. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Walter Robert "Rob" Fair, Jr.**, age 46, of Melbourne, Florida, died last Thursday. Arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Anna Nicole Bishop Case**, age 37, of Rocky Face, Georgia, died Saturday in a Dalton hospital. She was a 1998 graduate of McMinn County High School and was a dental assistant. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday this Thursday, March 2nd, at 4 p.m. Children ages 3-12 are invited to attend and enjoy Dr. Seuss-themed stories, games, activities, and crafts. For more information, call 263-9475.



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TODAY IN HISTORY—FEBRUARY 28th

- 1844** - The newly-built U.S.S. Princeton exploded while cruising on the Potomac River with top government officials on board. When the ship fired one of its guns to demonstrate the latest in naval armament, the gun exploded, killing the U.S. Secretary of State and Secretary of Navy and several other people. President John Tyler narrowly escaped death.
- 1849** - The first shipload of gold-seekers arrived in San Francisco after a five-month journey from New York City.
- 1940** - Race car driver Mario Andretti was born in Italy. He won the Indianapolis 500 race in 1969.
- 1940** - Singer Joe South was born. His biggest hit was "Walk A Mile In My Shoes."
- 1953** - Scientists James D. Watson and Francis H.C. Crick discovered the double-helix structure of DNA, the molecule that contains human genes, at Cambridge University.