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Athens, Tennessee

## State & Local News

### ◆ McMinn Countians Tour Texas

A group of McMinn County residents has spent this week taking part in the Cradle of Texas Tour in memory of the late governor of both Texas and Tennessee, Sam Houston. Pictured below in front of a 90-foot statue of Houston: (L-R) Janet Cantrell, Linda Gray, Lynn Fox, David Riden, Perry Riden, Mary Noletti, Fred Underdown, Richard Newman, Elaine Newman, Carol Lenon, and Jim Lenon. The group visited several historic spots in Texas which are connected to Sam Houston.



## National & World News

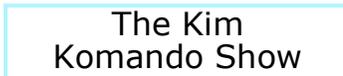
- ◆ Attorney General Jeff Sessions is recusing himself from any existing or future probes related to any campaigns for president. Sessions stated he never had meetings with Russian operatives or Russian intermediaries about the Trump campaign.
- ◆ President Trump touted his plans Thursday to bolster the U.S. military in front of shipbuilders and sailors on the deck of the USS Gerald R. Ford in Newport News, Virginia. The USS Gerald R. Ford is expected to be commissioned this summer.
- ◆ Former President Barack Obama was named the 2017 winner of the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award on Thursday.
- ◆ Sen. Chuck Schumer joins several Democratic lawmakers in calling for Attorney General Jeff Sessions' resignation amid reports that he met with the Russian ambassador to the United States on two occasions.

### ◆ THIRD MURDER SUSPECT IS SENTENCED

The third member of the trio charged in the murder of 20-year-old Tyler Womack, which occurred July 4th, 2014, has been sentenced. Martha Ann Thompson was sentenced to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty this week to charges of facilitation of second-degree murder, aggravated burglary, and theft. Thomas Odum was found guilty of first degree murder last June and sentenced to life in prison. Amanda Lee Britnell pleaded guilty to first degree murder last August and was also sentenced to life in prison. Womack was shot and killed when he surprised the three as they burglarized a house on County Road 172.



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**Friday** - Sunny. High 48.  
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**Saturday** - Sunny. High 57.  
**Sunday** - Partly sunny. High 53.  
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## Church News and Events

- ✓ The Prom Shop at Christ Community Church on S. Congress Parkway in Athens will be open on Saturday, March 18th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be free formal attire for any girl or guy wishing to attend their prom or dance.
- ✓ Christ Community Church will present **Tony Evan's Kingdom Marriage Video Seminar** beginning Saturday, March 4th, from 7 to 8 p.m. It's a free 6-week study. For more information, call Kenney Hale at 368-2191. Tony Evans is a regular guest on Focus on the Family radio.
- ✓ St. Mark AME Zion Church will have a Men's Day Breakfast on Saturday, March 11th, at 9 a.m. The speaker will be Rev. Larry Woods. Tickets are \$5. The speaker on Sunday, March 12th, at the 11 a.m. Men's Day Service will be Rev. Alvin Gwethney.
- ✓ Lane's Chapel Church is having family and friends day Sunday, March 5 at 3 p.m. The speaker will be Gary Atwater and New Century United Methodist Church from Knoxville.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The McMinn County Historical Society will meet this Sunday, March 5th, at 2 p.m in the Blue Room of the Courthouse. The program will feature Ken Rush, director of the Ducktown Basin Museum, talking about the history of the Copper Basin.

## Obituaries

- ◆ **Pansy Sue Moore Corvin** of Englewood died Wednesday. She retired from Englewood Elementary after 30 years of teaching. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at Englewood Church of God, with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. at the church. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- ◆ **Jackie Carver**, age 80, of Athens, died Thursday at NHC of Athens. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.

### ◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The John Studdard Memorial Gospel Concert will be held tonight at 7 at the Gem Theater in Etowah. The Cousin Jake Bluegrass Festival will be held Saturday starting at 11 a.m. at the Gem Theater.
- ✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce announces an upcoming W.I.S.E. (Women Inspiring Success & Excellence) "Celebrating WISE Women" luncheon to be held next Wednesday, March 8th, in celebration of International Women's Day. The luncheon will be held at the McMinn Senior Center. The guest speaker will be Lindsay Perkinson Pitts, an Athens native. Tickets are \$15 each. For tickets, call the Chamber at 745-0334.

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### TODAY IN HISTORY - MARCH 3rd

**1831** - George Pullman, inventor of railroad cars with sleeping facilities, was born. Those sleeping cars came to be known as "Pullmans."

**1847** - Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, was born in Scotland. He later moved to the U.S. and got a patent for the telephone. The first phone call came when Bell called his assistant and said, "Mr. Watson, come here. I want you." Bell had spilled some battery acid on his clothes.

**1931** - "The Star Spangled Banner" became the National Anthem thanks to an act of Congress. The words were written by Francis Scott Key in 1814 as he watched the British bombardment of Fort Mchenry, which protected Baltimore. During a break in the fighting, Key saw the American flag still flying over the walls of the fort and wrote a poem to express his feelings. By government permission, the U.S. flag flies 24 hours a day over Key's grave in Frederick, Maryland.

