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## STATE & LOCAL NEWS

### ◆ FREE MEDICAL CLINIC IN CLEVELAND

Remote Area Medical will hold a free clinic this coming Saturday and Sunday at Cleveland High School. Doctors and nurses will offer dental work, eye exams, prescriptions, and glasses, flu shots, and general medical exams. Patients can begin gathering at midnight Friday night when the parking lot will be open. RAM volunteers will begin handing out numbered tickets at 3 a.m. Saturday.

### ◆ FIRE DESTROYS VACANT HOUSE

A Sunday night fire destroyed a vacant house on County Road 788 near Etowah. The Etowah Rural, Claxton Rural, and Englewood Rural fire departments responded. Etowah Rural Chief Brandon Frost was in charge at the scene.



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

## National & World News

◆ A white Maryland man accused of prowling the streets of New York City for a black person to "assassinate" has been charged with murder as an act of terrorism. This is the first time the Manhattan District Attorney's office has used the provision since the statute was changed after 9/11.

◆ A Maryland high school student is expected to face charges after a journal with a detailed plan for a mass shooting at her school was found in her home, in addition to a shotgun and bomb-making materials.

### FIRST RESPONDERS TO BE HONORED

Several members of the McMinn County Sheriff's Office will be honored tomorrow from 4 to 6 p.m. at the McMinn County Judicial Complex for their acts of distinction and heroism in their response to the November 30th tornado that struck Athens and the Highway 307 area of McMinn County. Corporal Brian Alexander, Deputy Jerry Wattenbarger, Lt. Eric Allman, Detective Jared Price, and Auxiliary Deputy Brian McKinney will be recognized. Sheriff Joe Guy says Alexander and Wattenbarger were the first two responders with boots on the ground in Deerfield Estates. They borrowed a 4-wheeler from a resident and drove off-road through darkness, high winds, heavy rain, and downed power lines, and made first contact with victims. The other three officers responded from the north. The officers radioed injury reports to other responders and personally rescued several victims.

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### WEATHER FORECAST

**Tuesday** - Partly cloudy. 50% rain. High 75.

**Wednesday** - Sunny. High 76.

**Thursday** - Cloudy. 20% rain. High 79.

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## Apollo Kennels Now Open

The Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a ribbon cutting for Apollo Kennels located at 354 County Road 623 in Etowah. Apollo Kennels provides grooming, dog day care, and boarding. Pictured L to R: Cat Pate, Cheryl Bressler, Evan Preston, Mark Cochran, Matthew Crabtree, Helen Mullins, April Preston, owner Ashley Vissoc, Gus Jaibat, owner Rodney Lathem, Rachel Hickman, Wayne Hickman, David James, Joe Holbrook, and Chamber President Amanda Johnson.



## Obituaries

♦ **Suanne Hiatt**, age 62, of Marion, Indiana, died last Saturday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. Her mother, Dorothy Creps, lives in Athens. She was an RN in Marion. Services will be held later in Marion, Indiana. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

♦ **John Clayton Sanders**, age 98, of Decatur, died Sunday at his home. He was a former scoutmaster and served in World War II in Europe, receiving several ribbons and medals including the Purple Heart. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m.

♦ **Shane Wilson Thrasher**, age 45, of Athens, died Sunday at his home. He was an employee of Alcoa. A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Central Baptist Church, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Herman Edwin White**, age 92, of Decatur, died Sunday at his home. He served in the U. S. Army during WWII and received the Purple Heart. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Walnut Grove Baptist Church with visitation from 3 to 7 p.m. at the church. Bowers Funeral Home of Decatur is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Frances Womac Wilson**, age 71, of Athens, died Monday at Parkwest Medical Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.

### ♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Employees from DENSO's Athens and Maryville manufacturing facilities have teamed up over the last few months to raise money for the wildfire relief efforts in Gatlinburg. The two locations sold "Smokiest Strong" T-shirts and raised \$25,000. The money will be split between Friends of the Smokies and The Gatlinburg Wildfire Relief Fund.



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