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Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ BAN ON OPEN ALCOHOL IS DEAD

Governor Haslam's proposal to ban open alcohol bottles and cans in vehicles traveling on Tennessee Roads has failed for the year. Tennessee currently bans drivers from drinking alcohol while at the wheel, but does not extend that prohibition to passengers. As a result, Tennessee loses \$18 million in federal money for road and bridge projects.

◆ HARWELL CALLS FOR "CIVILITY"

House Speaker Beth Harwell is calling for civility among her Republican colleagues in the Tennessee House as the chamber prepares for a potentially contentious debate and vote on Governor Haslam's transportation funding proposal today. Harwell is urging Republican members to "be kind to one another," even if they disagree on the bill that would raise the state's gas tax for the first time since 1989.

◆ MEIGS MAN SENTENCED FOR CHILD PORN

A Meigs County man, 72-year-old Keith Warren, has been sentenced to five years in prison for possession of child pornography. Judge Sandy Matice says he was told it was the largest collection of child porn ever found. Warren could have received a much longer sentence, but his attorney reached a plea agreement with prosecutors for a shorter prison term due to his age and health, and because the indictment was not filed until 2015 which was five years after the raid on his home.

National & World News

◆ California police have arrested a man they believe shot and killed three people in three different locations in Fresno, California on Tuesday.

◆ Steve Stephens, the suspect in the Cleveland, Ohio, Facebook killing, shot and killed himself after a brief pursuit in Erie County, Pennsylvania, Monday morning. Stephens allegedly killed 74-year-old Robert Godwin Sr. in Cleveland Sunday afternoon and later posted a video of the killing on Facebook.

◆ Tech-savvy concert-goers helped police locate a New York man who allegedly stole more than 100 cellphones at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival over the weekend.

◆ U.S. Northern Command confirmed Tuesday that two Russian TU-95 bombers were intercepted off the coast of Alaska on Monday evening.

◆ Investigators continue to search for two missing hikers who were swept away in a Grand Canyon creek on Saturday.

◆ Former President George H. W. Bush is hospitalized in Houston with a mild case of pneumonia.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks declined amid a sharp drop in the share price of Goldman Sachs, while geopolitical jitters continued. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 113.64 at 20,523.28. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 6.82 at 2,342.19, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 7.32 at 5,849.47.

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Wednesday - Cloudy. 50% rain & t'storms. High 81.
Thursday - Cloudy. 30% rain & t'storms. High 84.
Friday - Cloudy. 80% rain & t'storms. High 82.
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How Did You Spend Easter Break?

Morning Fax editor and WYXI Radio announcer Bob Ketchersid spent the Easter Holiday in Melbourne, Florida, with his sons and grandchildren. Bob says one of the highlights of his visit was a kayaking trip through the mangroves at "Thousand Islands" in the Banana River at Cocoa Beach. The photo below shows Bob trying to paddle his kayak while his granddaughter, 9-year-old Kayla, leads the way. Bob says he managed to fight off the "gators" for a safe trip through the swamp!



Obituaries

- ♦ **Lloyd McClane**, age 66, of Delano, died Sunday at his residence. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m.
- ♦ **Betty Mayfield**, age 89, of Etowah, died Tuesday at Etowah Health Care Center. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at North Etowah Baptist Church, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Bordwine Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Geraldean Ann Anderson**, of Decatur, died Monday. Graveside services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Walnut Grove Baptist Church Cemetery with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday at Bowers Funeral Home of Decatur.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties will have their annual Day of Caring on Thursday, May 18th. You are invited to volunteer to perform projects and tasks for the United Way partner agencies. You can sign up to take part by texting CARING2017 to 50503 or by stopping by the United Way office at 313 Maple Street, Athens.
- ✓ The McMinn County Health Department will hold its 2nd Annual Relay for Life Yard Sale this coming Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the county showbarn on County Road 554.
- ✓ Donations are being taken each day this week through Saturday for items to be sold in the 31st Annual Trash and Treasure Sale to benefit the McMinn Living Heritage Museum. Take your items to the American Bedding Building on Dennis Street.

FAURÉ REQUIEM

ORIGINAL ORCHESTRATION

Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 7:00PM
First Baptist Church
Athens, TN

Friday, April 21, 2017 at 7:00PM
Concord United Methodist Church
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