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STATE & LOCAL NEWS

♦ COMPLIMENTS TO TROOPER RYANS

McMinn County is blessed with many outstanding law enforcement personnel. One of the best is THP Trooper Travis Ryans.

The Tennessee Highway Patrol has posted on its Facebook page a letter from Dr. C.D. Hardison, longtime Medical Examiner in McMinn County. Dr. Hardison wrote a letter to the Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Safety to call attention to Trooper Ryans. Dr. Hardison says he has consistently been impressed with Trooper Ryans' professional appearance and demeanor, his knowledge of the law, his dedication to excellence, and his remarkable empathy and compassion. He says Trooper



Ryans handles obnoxious and hostile individuals in a calm, disciplined, and professional manner. Dr. Hardison also says Trooper Ryans uses empathy and gentle compassion in dealing with injured motorists or the family of a deceased victim. Finally, he says when Trooper Ryans learned that the husband of an emergency room clerk had cancer, he went by their home to chop wood for their fireplace.

National - World News

- ◆ Workers and residents within a mile radius of a manufacturing plant in Crosby, Texas, have been evacuated over concerns that there could be an explosion or fire at the facility in the wake of flooding from Hurricane Harvey. Plant officials have described the situation as serious. The plant produces organic peroxide, which must be kept cool to avoid potential problems.
- ◆ Gasoline prices are rising as a direct result of Tropical Storm Harvey. Drivers filling up at pumps around the country could soon see an uptick of 15 to 25 cents per gallon.
- ◆ Pastor Joel Osteen said that his Lakewood Church has been taking people in "from the very beginning" of Harvey as he pushed back against criticism that the church did not initially welcome evacuees. "We were here for people. We were a shelter, and were taking people as soon as the floodwaters receded."

♦ DECATUR WOMAN DIES IN CAR WRECK

Brittney Kyker Davis, 28, of Decatur, was killed early Wednesday morning in a two-car wreck on Highway 58 about five miles south of Decatur. Trooper Gordon Roberts says Ms. Kyker was traveling north on Highway 58 and a car driven by Justin Cox, 21, of Decatur, was going south at about 12:15 a.m. Trooper Roberts says both vehicles crossed the center line and collided head on. Ms. Kyker died at the scene. Cox and a passenger in each vehicle were injured. Ms. Kyker was not wearing a seat belt. Trooper Roberts says in his opinion, safety restraints would have made a difference.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday - 80% rain. T'storms likely. Isolated tornadoes possible. High 78. Winds light and variable.

Friday - 50% rain. Potential for severe t'storms. High 73.

Friday Night - Cloudy. 30% rain. Low 57.

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We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax. If you take a newsworthy photograph, send it to: wyxi@bellsouth.net

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Grace & Mercy Winners

Grace and Mercy Ministries held its Spring Triathlon this past Saturday, with swimming, running, and bicycling. The first place winner was Carey Lowery, pictured below.



The second place winner was Johnny Johnson, shown to the right. Fred and Maddi Burke were the first place winners from the Relay team.

(Photos by Tanya Murphy)



Obituaries

- Martha Eunice Stanford Buttram, age 92, of Athens, died Wednesday at Life Care Center of Athens. She was the Director of Finance for the City of Athens from 1970 until her retirement in 1989. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- Eleanor Dannel, age 81, of Athens, died Tuesday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.
- Bessie Neeley Malone, age 90, of Cleveland, died Tuesday at Tennova Healthcare in Cleveland. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- **Brittney Ladawn Kyker Davis**, age 28, of Decatur died early Wednesday morning. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at Bowers Funeral Home with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 27 points to 21,892. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 11 points to 2,458, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 66 points or 1.1% to 6,368.

♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ National Commander Marion Polk will be visiting the Tennessee Amvets Post 100 in Etowah today at 2 p.m. This is a meet and greet on his way from home to National Headquarters. Every veteran is invited to come by and meet the commander.



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TODAY IN HISTORY - AUGUST 31st

1422 - King Henry the 6th became King of England. He was only three months old, Britain's youngest king ever.

1886 - The city of Charleston, South Carolina, was rocked by a devastating earthquake. Sixty people died in the quake, which was felt throughout the eastern U.S.

1887 - Thomas Edison was awarded a patent for the first movie projector, a device he called a "kinetoscope."

1903 - Entertainer Arthur Godfrey was born in New York City.

1939 - Jerry Allison, drummer for singer Buddy Holly, was born.

1954 - Hurricane Carol hit the northeastern United States, resulting in nearly 70 deaths and millions of dollars in damage.

1962 - The Caribbean nation of Trinidad and Tobago became independent within the British Commonwealth.

1986 - An Aeromexico DC-9 and a small private plane collided over Cerritos, California, killing all 69 people aboard the two planes, along with 24 passengers on the ground.