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Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ TEMA ISSUES INFO ON HURRICANE "IRMA"

The Tennessee Emergency Management Agency says that Hurricane Irma is expected to arrive in Tennessee late Tuesday or Wednesday. Prior to that, high winds and heavy rain will be expected over a large portion of the state, beginning late Monday. Governor Haslam issued an executive order which suspends state rules and which will allow: (1) Medical practitioners licensed in other states to practice in Tennessee in aiding Hurricane Irma evacuees; (2) Pharmacists to dispense a 14-day supply of prescription medications to evacuees; (3) Non-residents to participate in Tennessee Dept. of Health programs for women, infants, and children, and for those with certain chronic conditions. The Red Cross has prepared five shelters for evacuees so far. The Tennessee Department of Tourism is also providing updated hotel accommodations at Tennessee Welcome Centers. Tennessee forecasters expect Irma will be a tropical depression by the time it reaches the state with wind gusts up to 55 mph in some locations and from 1" to 3" of rainfall. The main threats in Tennessee will be high winds downing trees and power lines, causing scattered power outages, and heavy rain resulting in localized flooding. TEMA says that one of the most important things to have during an emergency is a BATTERY POWERED RADIO! See Links: American Red Cross <http://www.redcross.org> Salvation Army <http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/>

National & World News

◆ Hurricane Irma made its second landfall on Marco Island on the southwest Florida coast Sunday afternoon with 115 mph winds after battering the Florida Keys earlier in the day. The hurricane has left at least three people dead in Florida, including a sheriff's deputy, and over 3 million customers without power.

◆ President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump will attend a commemoration ceremony on Monday morning to mark the 16th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks at the National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial. Vice President Mike Pence will attend a separate ceremony at the location of the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ McMinn County 4-H will be having their annual Chick Chain Show and Sale on Thursday, September 14th at the Livestock Show Barn on Highway 30 next to the National Guard Armory. The show begins at 5 p.m. and the sale starts at 6 p.m. 4-H members began raising the chickens in March and many are already laying eggs. This year there will be Rhode Island Red, Golden Sex Link, and Black Sex Link chickens for sale. All of the proceeds benefit the local 4-H club. For information, call Stacye Heath at 745-2852.



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United Way Speaker Recants Help

The guest speaker at last week's United Way kickoff luncheon was Steve Milsaps of Loudon County. Steve was diagnosed with Colon Cancer in July, 2015 and underwent surgery a few weeks later. Steve hiked the 2,200 mile-long Appalachian Trail in 2016 to raise Colon Cancer awareness and to hike in honor and memory of others who have had cancer and other life challenges. He began the trek at Mount Katahdin, Maine and ended at Springer Mountain, Georgia. In his presentation, Milsaps recanted the numerous people that he had never met before, that helped him in the difficult task. He likened that to the mission of the United Way campaign itself. Milsaps is a graduate of Tennessee Wesleyan and was a former school principal at North Middle School and Lenoir City High School in Loudon County. He was named the TACA AA State Basketball Coach of the Year in 1988 and was recognized as the East Tennessee Principal of the Year in 2011. In the MORNING FAX staff photo: (L-R) Dr. Vant Har d a w a y (who gave the invocation) and Steve Milsaps.



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Obituaries

- ♦ **Alma Lee Howell King**, age 99, of Athens, died last Friday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. Gravesides services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in McMinn Memory Gardens with Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Walter Blankenship**, age 69, of Etowah, died Saturday. He had served in the U.S. Army. A funeral service will be held Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation to begin at 4:00 p.m. prior to the service.
- ♦ **Don Williams**, age 78, an award winning country singer with 17 number 1 hits, died last Friday in Mobile, Alabama. The cause of death was emphysema. Williams was named male vocalist of the year by the Country Music Association in 1978. He released 52 Top 40 country singles during his career. He was nicknamed the Gentle Giant and recorded songs extolling the virtues of romantic commitment.

◆ FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD:

In week 3 of High School action: McMinn County lost by 1 point in overtime to Rhea County, 21 to 20; Polk County defeated McMinn Central 29 to 20; Meigs County beat Sequatchie County 24 to 7; Walker Valley won a shoot-out with Stone Memorial 62 to 55; Tellico Plains beat Copper Basin 27 to 7; Loudon over Sequoyah 42 to 14. Tennessee had no problem beating Indiana State University in Knoxville with a score of 42 to 7. Next Saturday, the Vols are scheduled to play the University of Florida in Gainesville with a kickoff at 3:30 p.m. and TV coverage on CBS.

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