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Wednesday, October 11, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ LOCAL TBI ACADEMY GRADUATES

Two police officers from McMinn and Meigs counties were among 12 law enforcement officers from across the state to graduate from the TBI State Academy. The Academy was created as a professional and specialized training ground for Tennessee law enforcement officers who desire the opportunity to expand their education and training. During the six-week course, officers learned advanced investigative techniques and skills they can put into practice at their home agencies. The graduates included Patrol Investigator Tabitha Standridge with the Englewood Police Department and Detective Alexander Clary with the Meigs County Sheriff's Office.

◆ TOURISM MEANS BIG BUCKS IN McMINN

Tourism in McMinn County in 2016 generated nearly \$45 million. It also created 330 jobs, produced \$7.7 million in payroll, and created \$1.13 million in local tax revenue. According to the 2016-17 Tennessee Tourism Annual Report, each household in McMinn County pays \$195.73 less in local and state taxes and \$56.57 less in local county taxes as a result of taxes generated by tourist activity in the county. The report says on an average day in 2016, tourists spend \$122,082 and generated \$21,096 in daily payroll. The report says McMinn County is ranked #34 out of Tennessee's 95 counties in terms of the economic impact from tourism.

National & World News

◆ An elderly Napa County couple, Charles and Sara Rippey, were two of the 15 people killed from the devastating wildfires sweeping Northern California. The 17 fires have consumed over 115,000 acres across the state. The couple had been married for 75 years.

◆ A missing Australian woman who got lost as she walked her dogs, was found by a TV crew that was reporting on her disappearance. Heather Rae Ellis got lost near Scott River in Western Australia and was in the forest for 25 hours. She told reporters that her three golden retrievers helped keep her warm during the night.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Women at the Well will sponsor a "Faith Ride" on Saturday, October 21st. The motorcycle ride starts at Hillcrest Church in Etowah with kickstands up at 10 a.m. There will be fun, food, and fellowship.

✓ The Athens Community Theatre announces auditions for the winter 2017 musical, *How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying*, will take place on Sunday, October 29th, at 2 p.m. and Monday, Oct. 30th, at 6 p.m. at The Arts Center. The show requires a large cast of singers, actors, and dancers ranging in age from older teens through adults.

✓ The next "Girl Talk" will be held at the UT Extension Office, 107 W. College St., Athens, on Saturday, Nov. 11th, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. It's a special time for mothers and daughters to talk about their bodies, behaviors, and beliefs. Call 745-2852.



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Oh, Those Yummy Pies!

The Etowah Arts & Crafts Festival this past Saturday featured an Apple Pie Baking Contest. There were entries from McMinn, Monroe, and Polk Counties. The first place winner was Frances Powers of Englewood. Second place winner was Denise Graff of Madisonville. The third place award went to Sandra Tullock of Riceville. The judges (shown below L-R) were McMinn County Mayor John Gentry, Polk County Chamber Director Adrian Lambert, and State Rep. John Forgety. (Photo from Nancy Dalton)



Obituaries

- ♦ **Scott Lee Williams**, age 48, of Niota, died Monday at Hospice of Chattanooga. There will be no formal visitation or service. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Teresa Gail Underdown Wilson**, age 58, of Athens, died Monday at Hospice of Chattanooga. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks were slightly higher, led by the consumer staples and utilities sectors. In corporate news, shares of Walmart climbed after the company announced \$20 billion in share buybacks and provided its sales growth outlook at its investor day. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 70 points or 0.3% to 22,831. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 6 points or 0.2% to 2,551, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 8 points or 0.1% to 6,587. In Commodity markets, the spot price of gold rose \$4.59 to \$1,288.45, and the price of crude oil rose \$1.35 to \$50.93.

CORRECTION: We have been notified that the date for the Athens Civitan Club Golf Tournament has been changed. The original date was next Monday, Oct. 16th. The new date is October 30th. For more information, call 829-5219, 506-6622, or 506-1983.



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