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STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ **CAR ROLLS; NO INJURIES REPORTED**
The driver of a 2013 GMC Sierra lost control of his car around 2:45 a.m. Wednesday on Highway 39 just outside the Englewood city limits and rolled several times. The driver received only minor injuries. Responding to the scene were the Englewood Police Department, the McMinn County Sheriff's Office, AMR, the Englewood Rural Fire Department and State Trooper Pat Patterson. (Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



◆ **PICKEL RESIGNS AS ENGLEWOOD CHIEF**
Englewood Police Chief Jason Pickel has announced he will step down from his position on February 14th. He also says he has decided not to run for McMinn County Sheriff.

National - World News

◆ A judge ruled Wednesday that the California parents accused of holding their 13 children captive, will be banned from any contact with their alleged victims until 2021.
◆ Former USA Gymnastics team doctor Larry Nassar was sentenced on Wednesday to 40 to 175 years in prison. Judge Rosemarie Aquilina called Nassar's choice to assault scores of girls and women, under the pretense that he was treating them, "precise, calculated, manipulative, devious and despicable." The judge told Nassar, "It is my honor and privilege to sentence you because, sir, you do not deserve to walk outside a prison ever again."

◆ **COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**
✓ The McMinn County Sheriff's Office will have a free Church Safety training session tonight at 6 p.m. at Hillcrest Church in Etowah. Call 745-5620 to reserve a space.
✓ Athens Police Chief Cliff Couch will be guest speaker at the Annual Dinner of the Downtown Business Association on February 8th at 6 p.m. at the Open Door Restaurant. The cost is \$15 per person if paid for by Friday, January 26th. You can pay at Universal Travel or at Greeks Bearing Gifts.
✓ E.G. Fisher Public Library presents a free program "Pre-Diabetes...Are You at Risk?" at 5:30 p.m. today. You are invited to join Joyce Daniels with Starr Regional for an informational session about your personal risk for pre-diabetes and actions you can take to help prevent the development of type II diabetes.

Mae Beavers
Republican
Candidate for Governor
will be speaking at
Shoney's
Sat., Jan. 27th 1pm
Everyone invited to attend
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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Billy Worth Gaines**, age 75, of Athens, died Sunday. Billy served his country during the Vietnam War and was retired from Olin Chemicals. The family will receive friends from noon to 1 p.m. Friday at M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens, with a graveside service at 2 p.m. at McMinn Memory Gardens.

♦ **Mary Frances Gambill**, age 71, of Athens, died Tuesday at her home. She was retired from Rocky Top Markets. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

♦ **Donald Ray Ledford**, age 66, of Etowah, died Tuesday, January 16, at Select Specialty Hospital in Knoxville. He was a native of Ringgold, Georgia and a longtime resident of McMinn County. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marines and a former employee of McKeehan Chair Company. Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Chattanooga National Cemetery with visitation from 10-11:30 a.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

♦ **Felix R. Sapp**, age 93, of Knoxville and formerly of New Orleans, Louisiana, died Tuesday at Turkey Creek Medical Center in Knoxville. He was associated with SERCO in Hammond, LA. as Plant Manager for 50 years until his retirement. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Lyons, Georgia Cemetery. There will be no formal visitation. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Shirley (Westman) Wallace**, age 69, of Niota, died Tuesday. Funeral services will be at 12 noon on Saturday at Niota Methodist Church. The body will lie in state from 11 a.m. to 12 noon at the church. The family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. with the Eastern Star funeral to follow at 7 p.m. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Sara Elizabeth Lankford "Cubby"**, age 85, of Decatur died Monday. She retired from Shaw industries as a Twister Operator after 40 years of employment. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Bowers Funeral Home with visitation from 1-2 p.m.

United Way Gets Check

During the month of November, Michael's Restaurants donated a portion of their sales each Wednesday to the United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties. The photo shows Maria Jaibat of Michael's presenting a check to Shane Sewell, 2018 co-chairman of the United Way campaign. The United Way goal is \$700,000. At latest count, \$500,000 has been pledged and/or raised.



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1995 CHRYSLER SEBRING
2001 SATURN SL1
2003 DODGE DURANGO

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2003 MAZDA B200 P/U
1999 FORD F-250
1976 CHEVROLET TITAN Tr.
1994 FORD RANGER
1999 GMC SONOMA
2002 JEEP LIBERTY
1998 BMW (BLACK)
1979 FORD F-100
2004 MAZDA RX8
CHEVY BLAZER (RED)



The vehicles listed above are either police impounds and or abandon vehicles.

TODAY IN HISTORY – JANUARY 25th

1759 - Scottish poet Robert Burns was born. He wrote the song "Auld Lang Syne."

1858 - The wedding march was played for the first time. The wedding march comes from the Richard Wagner opera, "Lohengrin."

1915 - Transcontinental telephone service was inaugurated in a hookup between New York and San Francisco.

1924 - The first Winter Olympic Games began on this day.

1934 - "Public Enemy Number One"--John Dillinger--was captured at Tucson, Arizona. Dillinger was a bank robber and killer.

1938 - Singer Etta James was born. Her biggest hit was "At Last."

1961 - President John F. Kennedy held the first presidential news conference carried live on radio and TV.

1971 - Charles Manson and three of his female followers were found guilty of the murders of actress Sharon Tate and six other people in Los Angeles.