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Today's News...This Morning

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Wednesday, January 31, 2018

Athens, Tennessee

#### State & Local News

#### WACKER HAS SAFETY WEBPAGE

Nearly five months after an explosion and chemical leak shut down the Wacker plant in Charleston, the company has introduced a new safety webpage. The website includes information about the chemicals they use, safety information, and a link for residents to sign up for emergency alerts. State investigators are still looking into what caused the problems at the plant last September. You can access the webpage by clicking this link: www.wacker.com

#### ◆ McMINN SCHOOLS ISSUE ABSENTEE STATEMENT

School Director Mickey Blevins issued the following statement: There is a lot of understandable concern in our community and across the state as illness begins to impact the attendance of our students. We have discussed the new state accountability measure expected of McMinn County School District and others of "chronic absenteeism," and the resulting impact on student achievement. I have answered calls from families worried about parent notes and the consequences of when those are all utilized. Those are fair questions, especially when the State of Tennessee health officials have correctly warned us of the impact we would likely see of this winter's illness. The principals of McMinn County School District are being instructed to keep this in mind (as we go through this week and next week) and not count this towards the number of allowable parent notes. The absences will still count, and parent notes and/or doctor notes will still need to be submitted to account for the absence, but these notes will not impact parent note totals or letters concerning the number of absences. If your child is sick (and definitely if running a temperature) we support your decision for the health of your child, and the other children of our schools, to take the necessary steps at home. You are the final authority over the health of your child. Our hopes are that this is peaking and will leave our community and children alone very quickly. While two of our schools are seeing a greater impact of absence over others, five of our schools are still holding attendance well between 90-94%. The remaining schools are falling in-between. We will continue to monitor our absences daily

#### **National & World News**

- ◆ The Trump administration is resuming all refugee admissions, while at the same time implementing new security vetting procedures for 11 "high-risk" countries. The new measures stem from President Donald Trump's original travel ban, which ordered a 120-day ban of all refugees entering the U.S.
- ◆ Stacey Abrams, a democrat from Georgia, could become America's first female African-American governor if she wins the Democratic primary in May and the general election in November in Georgia. Abrams is looking to replace Republican Gov. Nathan Deal, who has served since 2011.
- Prosecutors investigating the handling of complaints against former Olympic doctor Larry Nassar at Michigan State University, are asking the school to fork over all records, emails and text messages pertaining to the disgraced physician.

#### NEW JOB FOR TOM HUGHES

Longtime banker Tom Hughes has joined the Peoples Bank Family of community bankers. Hughes began his banking career in 1981 with First National Bank in Athens and most recently served as the City President for SouthEast Bank in McMinn County. Hughes currently serves as the Vice Chair and Chair of Finance of the Athens Utility Board, and was past President of the McMinn County Economic Development Board.





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#### RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT

Western Sizzlin' Steak House-1804 Decatur Pike Wednesday (11a-4p) Petite Sirloin-Side-Bakery-Dessert Bar & Rolls, \$6.69. Senior Buffet (55+): Mon-Fri-2 to 4 p.m. \$5.99 -745-2626

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#### WEATHER FORECAST

Wednesday - Sunny. High near 52.

Wed Night - Cloudy. Low around 32.

**Thursday -** 60% rain. High near 52.

Friday - Sunny. High 37. More Weather at: wyxi.com



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#### **Obituaries**

- Eleanor Marrs Harper, age 84, of Etowah died last Saturday. She worked for many years as a secretary/bookkeeper at McMinn Central High School and later worked for the Department of Housing and Urban Development as Executive Director of the Etowah Housing Authority, retiring after 20 years. Mrs. Harper will be cremated. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at Bordwine Funeral Home.
- Ricky Powell of Decatur, died Sunday at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home of Athens.
- Florence J. Duckett, age 102, of Etowah, died Tuesday at her residence. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks showed weakness which caused many investors to become concerned about a possible market correction. The health care sector led the market lower on competitive concerns following an announcement that Amazon is teaming up with JP Morgan and Berkshire Hathaway to create a new health care company which will help employees find quality care at a reasonable cost.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 362 points to 26,077. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 25 points to 2,829, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 64 points to 7,402.

### Fire Hits Etowah McDonalds

Firefighters responded to a fire early Tuesday morning at McDonald's on N. Tennessee Avenue in Etowah. The fire began as a grease fire in the hood area of the kitchen, and spread to the attic. The Etowah City Fire Department, Etowah Rural Fire Department, Englewood Rural Fire Department, and Etowah City Police Department responded. Etowah City Fire Chief Mike Moore was in charge of the scene.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram with the Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



#### **◆** COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Coordinated Charities is having a \$5 bag sale today--all the clothes you can fit in a bag. Also, all artwork and frames are half-price. Proceeds go to held the homeless and needy in the area.



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