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State & Local News

◆ TODAY IS "FLU SHOT FRIDAY"

The Tennessee Department of Health is urging all Tennesseans who have not yet received a flu shot this flu season to get one as soon as possible, as seasonal influenza remains widespread across the state. Tennessee's county health departments are providing flu vaccine at no charge to patients while supplies last and are holding special "Flu Shot Friday" clinics from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, Feb. 16th, at all locations. The flu virus is highly contagious, so it's important for people who are sick to stay home and make every effort to avoid contact with others for at least 24 hours after their symptoms have resolved to help prevent further spread of the illness. This includes staying away from work, school, and other public places while ill. Starr Regional Medical Center reports it performed 382 flu tests in the emergency room in the past two weeks. There were 393 tests done in the second half of January and 244 in the first half of January. At this point, the information on the number of those testing positive for flu is not available.

◆ "RUN, HIDE, OR FIGHT"

Tennessee's Department of Safety Commissioner David Purkey says he is stunned that once again that evil has struck at a Florida school shooting that killed 17. Purkey extended condolences and said his agency trains citizens every day to "Run, Hide, or Fight" during an active shooter situation.

National & World News

◆ According to the Unification Ministry, South Korea approved \$2.64 million from their treasury to foot the bill for North Korea's participation in the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics.

◆ It will take a staggering \$88.2 billion to rebuild parts of Iraq devastated by the war against ISIS. In the short term, \$22.9 billion is needed for Iraq, and \$65.4 billion over the medium term.

◆ Puerto Rico could recover nearly all of the electric power capability it lost after Hurricane Maria by the end of March.

◆ Thursday, the Senate failed to advance four proposals that addressed immigration reform, one of which was backed by the White House.

◆ Two brothers were arrested in New York City on explosives charges for making a bomb. The arrests were made in The Bronx where investigators recovered bomb-making materials. Court records revealed that the brothers were paying minors to strip fireworks of their gunpowder so they could build a bomb.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The McMinn County Radio Control Association will hold their February Indoor Flying Event tomorrow, Feb. 17th, at 6 p.m. at the McMinn Central High School Gymnasium. No street shoes will be allowed on the gym floor. Each pilot must have their 2018 AMA Membership. Everyone is welcome to attend.

✓ The Athens Community Theatre presents *How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying* tonight and tomorrow at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Sue E. Trotter Black Box Theater at The Arts Center.



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WEATHER FORECAST

Friday - 90% rain. High 60.

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Saturday - 90% rain. High 50.

Sat. Night - 70% rain. Low 39.

Sunday - 20% rain. High 58.

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Obituaries

- ♦ **John N. Seaton**, age 78, of Athens, died Thursday at his residence. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Pauline Martin Harrison**, age 80, of Athens, died Thursday at Starr Regional Medical Center. A celebration of life will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens, with visitation from 1 to 3 p.m.
- ♦ **Effie Pearl Plemons Meadows**, age 72, of Madisonville, died Wednesday at UT Medical Center. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Sunday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday at Ziegler.
- ♦ **James Lawrence Freeman**, age 76, of Etowah, died Wednesday at UT Medical Center. Arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home of Athens.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 307 points or 1.2% to 25,200. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 33 points or 1.2% to 2,731, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 113 points or 1.6% to 7,256.

FIRE DESTROYS TEN MILE CABINET SHOP

A fire Wednesday night destroyed a cabinet shop located next to Mr. Twister on Highway 304 in Ten Mile.

(See Photo at right by Randy Baker)



Church News & Events

- Former News Channel 9 news anchor Calvin Sneed will be the guest speaker this coming Sunday at the annual Gospel Jubilee Singing at Greater Deliverance Ministries on Clearwater Road. Choirs and musicians from several churches will sing. The annual program benefits Burke's Gospel Jubilee program heard Sunday mornings at 9 on WYXI Radio. The singing begins at 3 p.m. All are welcome.
- A benefit luncheon for Peyton Rollins, 17, who is having brain surgery on Feb. 28th, will be held on Saturday, Feb. 24th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Freedom Baptist Church on Velma Road, Athens. The cost for dinner is \$5.00.
- The Hymnsmen Quartet will sing at Niota First Baptist Church on Sunday, February 25th, at 6 p.m.
- Faith Baptist Tabernacle will have a revival Feb. 26th through March 2nd at 6:30 p.m. nightly with Evangelist Ricky Gravely. The church is located at 3115 Highway 39 W., Athens.



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