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State & Local News

◆ EARLY VOTING STARTS TODAY

Today is the first day of early voting for the county primaries. Early voting runs from April 11th through 26th. Election day is May 1st. In McMinn County, there are no contested races on the Democratic ballot. On the Republican ballot, there are contested races for McMinn County commission in the 1st, 2nd, and 5th districts. None of the other offices are contested, including Sheriff, County Mayor, Register, and Highway Commissioner. Early voting takes place at the Election Commission office at the McMinn County Courthouse. The hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Wednesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

◆ ETOWAH WASTE EVENT A SUCCESS

The Etowah Public Works Department says last Saturday's Household Hazardous Waste Event was a success. Public Works Director Billy Ingram sends out thanks to Keep McMinn Beautiful for providing volunteers for the event, which was sponsored by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

2 DUDES BBQ

- ◆ WEDNESDAY- ETOWAH - 10:30-2:00
- ◆ FRIDAY - SWEETWATER 10:30-2:00

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National & World News

◆ California is the only border state that has not announced deployment of its National Guard to the U.S.-Mexico border. Texas, New Mexico and Arizona have announced a combined 1,588 Guardsmen to support President Trump's new border security mission.

◆ President Donald Trump, France's President Emmanuel Macron and U.K. Prime Minister Theresa May held phone conversations earlier this week to discuss how the West should act in order to reinforce an international prohibition against chemical warfare. They are weighing a coordinated military response against the Syrian government over an alleged chemical attack on a rebel-held neighborhood near Damascus this past weekend.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The McMinn County Board of Education will meet in regular session on Thursday, April 12th, at 5:30 p.m.
- ✓ Central High School's Student Council will host Family Feud this Friday at 6 p.m. in the auditorium. There will be 8 teams, including McMinn County school administrators, the Sheriff's Office, elected McMinn County officials, and a Student Council team.

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Obituaries

♦ **Charles W. Wilson**, age 85, of Athens, died Monday at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah.

Cafeteria Inspections

The following schools cafeterias were inspected in recent weeks: **Ingleside, North City, Westside, City Park, Rogers Creek, Calhoun, Etowah City, Niota, Mtn. View Elem - 100 scores**

Athens City Middle School, McMinn Co. High, E.K. Baker, Englewood, Central High, Riceville School, Valley Christian Academy - 99 scores

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks rose as comments from the Chinese President calmed trade war concerns. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 429 points or 1.8% to 24,408. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 44 points or 1.7% to 2,657, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 144 points or 2.1% to 7,094.

Spring Brings Out the Love Birds

Now that Spring is here, love is in the air. It's even affecting the birds. Jennifer Hardison sent us this photo of a couple of Cardinal love birds she spotted.



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