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Friday, January 18, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ HOW TO STOP CAR THEFTS

The McMinn County Sheriff's Department says car theft in the country could be cut in half with a little help from drivers. In a post on Facebook, Sheriff Joe Guy says auto theft is a crime of opportunity, and his solutions to crack down on the crime are simple, easy, and free. Sheriff Guy says there are an average of two car thefts in McMinn County every week. He says most auto thefts involve situations where victims have left the key in the vehicle or left a vehicle running. It's an easy fix to prevent it:

- Close and lock all the doors and windows
- Take valuables with you
- Take your keys with you
- Never leave your car running
- Park in well-lit areas

Sheriff Guy says the above steps are all common sense solutions, but they could cut car thefts in half or even lower.

◆ AUB SAYS PROTECT THOSE PIPES

With the forecast calling for lows in the teens this weekend, AUB is offering several tips for keeping your water pipes from freezing. They include disconnecting all hoses and installing insulating covers on all outside faucets, keep your house temperature at 68, open cabinet doors below sinks to allow heat from the home to circulate, allow an interior faucet to run slightly with lukewarm water, and know the location of the main water cutoff valve.

Calling All Birdwatchers

The 28th annual Sandhill Crane Festival will be held this Saturday and Sunday at the Hiwassee Refuge and Birchwood Community Center. The festival is a celebration of the thousands of sand hill cranes that migrate through or spend the winter on or around the Hiwassee Refuge. Free bus shuttle service will be available from the Birchwood Community to the Hiwassee Refuge and the Cherokee Removal Memorial Park each day beginning at 8 a.m. Activities include lectures, music, Native American performances, and many photo opportunities.



NOTICE: The USDA says its McMinn/Meigs Farm Service Agency will be open today and Tuesday from 8 to 4:30 to assist agricultural producers with existing farm loans and to make sure the agency provides 1099 tax documents to borrowers.

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Obituaries

- ♦ **Sylvillia Ann Haire**, age 69, of Sweetwater (and formerly of Riceville), died Sunday. She had helped her late husband, Roger, run their satellite business and was a former employee of WYXI RADIO. Services were held Thursday at Kyker Funeral Home in Sweetwater.
- ♦ **Darleen Essie Peresini Otterstetter**, age 75, of Athens, died Thursday at her home. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Muriel Dean Raper Roach**, age 85, of Englewood, died Thursday at her home. She had owned Katy's Fabrics. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral home with visitation 5 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Marland Damon Simpson**, age 48, died Tuesday. He enjoyed doing carpentry work for friends and family. Funeral services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m. prior to the service.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ E.G. Fisher Public Library is celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on Monday. They will be hosting a Medic Blood Drive from noon to 6 p.m. There will be a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Fact Find from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. The program is for children ages 4-12 and will give them a chance to discover interesting facts about Dr. King.
- ✓ The Etowah Public Works Department advises that residential garbage collection will be delayed one day for all customers next week.
- ✓ The McMinn County Health Department will be closed Monday.
- ✓ The NAACP's annual Dream Achievers Ceremony will be held Sunday at 4 p.m. at the TWU Townsend Auditorium.
- ✓ Monday is the deadline for submitting nominations for the Athens "Young Man of the Year" award. Nominations need to be turned into the TWU President's Office.

Church News & Events

- "Outcry 2019," a special program on the dangers of opioid abuse, will take place at 6 p.m. Saturday at Englewood Church of God on Church street. Jeremy Graham of True Purpose Ministries and District Attorney Steve Crump will be the speakers.
- Keith Memorial United Methodist Church will host this year's community-wide Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Worship Service on Monday, January 21st, at Noon. The Rev. Edmund Cox of Freedman Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian Church will speak. A complimentary light lunch will be served in the Activity Center.
- Messiah's Call will sing at the Athens Nazarene Church this Sunday at 11 a.m. The church is located on W. Madison Ave.
- The Hymnsmen Quartet will be singing at Niota First Baptist Church on Sunday, January 27th, at 6 p.m.
- The Athens Nazarene Church on W. Madison Avenue will host a budgeting and debt elimination workshop on Saturday, January 26th. The workshop includes a working lunch at a cost of \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. The workshop runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To register, call 453-2041 and leave your name and number.
- The annual Burke's Gospel Jubilee Celebration will take place on Sunday, February 17th, at 3 p.m. at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. Featured singers will include the Douglas Family, the Hardaway Sisters, and Devine Praise. There will also be testimonies from students at Women at the Well.

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TODAY IN HISTORY - JANUARY 18th

- 1778** - The Hawaiian Islands were discovered by Captain James Cook. Hawaii consists of a chain of 132 islands extending for more than 1,500 miles. Most of the people live on seven main islands.
- 1788** - The first English settlers arrived in Australia's Botany Bay to establish a penal colony.
- 1782** - Lawyer and statesman Daniel Webster was born in Salisbury, N.H.
- 1871** - William I of Prussia was proclaimed German emperor in Versailles, France.
- 1892** - Oliver Hardy of the comedy team Laurel and Hardy was born Norvell Hardy in Harlem, Ga.
- 1911** - The first landing of an aircraft on a ship took place as pilot Eugene B. Ely flew onto the deck of the USS Pennsylvania in San Francisco harbor
- 1919** - The World War I peace conference opened in Versailles, France.
- 1991** - Financially strapped Eastern Airlines shut down after more than six decades in business.