

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Child Dies in Trailer Fire

A two-year-old child died Tuesday morning in a mobile home fire on Belcher Road in Madisonville. The child was trapped in the trailer. The Madisonville City Fire Department responded and requested mutual aid from Mount Vernon Fire, Hopewell Fire, Gudger Fire, Tri Community Fire, Englewood Rural Fire, and Etowah Rural Fire. The McMinn County Hazmat Team also responded. Madisonville City Fire Captain Todd Torbett was in charge at the scene.

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



How Did You Spend Spring Break?

Morning Fax editor Bob Ketchersid got a head start on spring break by visiting his grandchildren in Titusville, Florida, this past week. Among other things, they went "alligator hunting." Their weapon of choice was a camera. The big fella was spotted on Merritt Island. In addition to the gators, they also found a boating ramp where dozens of manatees had gathered. In fact, they counted over 80 of those air-breathing mammals, along with several dolphins.





Stock Market Report

U.S. stocks rose, with the energy sector pacing the market's advance. In corporate news, spice maker McCormick reported quarterly earnings above analysts' estimates. In economic news, data for housing starts and consumer confidence were below expectations. U.S. Treasuries were lower.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 141 points or 0.6% to 25,658. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 20 points or 0.7% to 2,818, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 54 points or 0.7% to 7,692.

IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE

✓ Republican Rep. Bruce Griffey of Paris has filed a bill which would expand the drug testing of welfare recipients. His bill would increase the list of drug-related questions posed to applicants and recipients from just a couple to 15 questions. It would also make it a crime to answer drug-related questions falsely.

 \checkmark Tennessee could become the latest state to ban local municipalities from regulating certain plastic bags and utensils. House lawmakers have advanced a proposal making it illegal for local governments to impose bag bans, restrictions on Styrofoam containers, and other disposable products.

Community News You Can Use

✓ If you have documents that need to be shredded, you can take them to the Athens Food City today from 9 a.m. to noon. The shredding service is free, and is sponsored by the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce, Keep McMinn Beautiful, the Better Business Bureau, and Food City.

✓ Items for the annual Living Heritage Museum Trash and Treasure Sale are being accepted this week at the former American Bedding warehouse at 276 Dennis Street. Items can be dropped off each day through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Most household items are accepted, excluding books, magazines, clothes, shoes, mattresses, non-working electronics, and tubed TV's.

✓ The Etowah Senior Center will have their 3rd annual Beans and Bingo this Saturday starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are available at the door. The meal starts at 6 with bingo at 7. The Center is located at 435 Cooper Street.

✓ The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be Pastor Chad Denton. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5 or ONLINE.

✓ The McMinn Veterans Service Office will sponsor the 9th annual Vietnam Veterans recognition luncheon this Friday at 11 a.m. at the McMinn Senior Center. Lunch will be served at noon. All Vietnam Veterans and community members are invited to attend.



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