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STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ REP. FORGETY DONATES TO SCHOOLS

State Rep. John Forgety has donated a total of \$15,000 to three

high schools in House District 23. The money comes from Forgety's re-election campaign account and will be divided equally among McMinn County High School, McMinn Central High School, and Tellico Plains High School. Forgety announced in January that he would not be seeking re-election to the House. His decision to use funds from his campaign account to support high school education reflects his work as an educator for more



than four decades. He says he chose the high schools because each child in his district will likely attend one of them during their academic careers. He says the donations are a small way that he can support the next generation of leaders in McMinn and Monroe counties.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ You are invited to celebrate Women's History Month with Dr. Lori Waite this Saturday at 3 p.m. at E.G. Fisher Library. Dr. Waite will discuss what the "American Dream" has historically meant and the ways in which Black women in the U.S. have worked to achieve that dream.

National & World News

◆ Two U.S. Navy aviators were recovered Wednesday afternoon from the waters off Key West, Florida, after their F/A-18 fighter jet crashed during a training flight. Both pilots are receiving medical attention and their status is unknown.

◆ The United Kingdom has given 23 Russian diplomats identified as intelligence officers one week to leave the U.K. This is the biggest expulsion in decades in retaliation for the poisoning of a former Russian double agent in early March.

◆ Finland has been declared the happiest country in the world in the latest United Nations rankings. The United States dropped from 14th to 18th place.

• President Trump has picked conservative economic commentator and former Reagan official Larry Kudlow to lead the National Economic Council. Press secretary Sarah Sanders said Kudlow has accepted the role.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE: ✓ The Etowah Area Senior Center will hold its annual "Beans and Bingo" fundraiser this Saturday with the meal starting at 5:30 p.m. and bingo at 7. Tickets are \$8.

✓ The Englewood Manila Masonic Lodge invites you to their Sunday afternoon fundraiser lunch this Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. or until all the food has been served. Ham, cream potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, cornbread, dessert and drink, \$8 per person or \$15 per couple. The lodge is located on Highway 39 just west of downtown Englewood.



Athens, Tennessee

ATTENTION Change of Date For Now, The T.E.A. Party will be meeting every Monday night at 6pm at Shoneys. No meeting tonight, March 15th



Obituaries

• Frances Louise Horton Newton of Athens died November 11th, 2014, and her husband, Estus Lee Newton, died December 26th, 2017. There will be a joint graveside Celebration of Life Service at 1 p.m. this Saturday at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services is in charge.

• **Bertha Breedwell Mashburn,** age 78, of Athens, died Wednesday at her home. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Ziegler Funeral Home.

• Jose Louis Ponce, age 48, of Englewood, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

• **Dennis Duane King,** age 71, died March 6th at Starr Regional of Athens. He had served in the Air Force. A private family service will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Allen Memorial United Methodist Church. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

• Cody Martin Price, age 23, died March 8th. He worked for API as an insulator. The family will receive friends from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

• Jason Lynn Bennett, age 41, of Decatur, died Tuesday at Starr Regional in Athens. He was the pianist for Good Hope Baptist Church. A celebration of life will be Saturday at 4 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home in Cleveland, with visitation from 2 to 4 p.m.

• Jaxon Lee Powers, infant son of Zachary and Amber Powers of Ten Mile, died Sunday. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m.



FedEx to Expand Operations

FedEx is making a major investment to modernize and expand its hub in Memphis. FedEx Chairman Frederick W. Smith says the company will invest more than \$1 billion for improvements. The project will include construction of a new large sort facility and installation of state-of-the-art sort systems, construction of a bulk truck load building, and a new area to improve handling of oversized shipments. FedEx is the largest employer in the Memphis area. They have 11,000 workers and 163 aircraft gates at the Memphis airport. The FedEx hub in Memphis processes 47% of total FedEx volume and 69% of U.S. domestic volume each business day.



TODAY IN HISTORY – MARCH 15th

44 B.C. - Julius Caesar was assassinated by Brutus and other Roman officials. The assassins feared that Caesar's popularity would make him too powerful a dictator. As it turned out, his assassination turned him into a martyr. This day is known as the "Ides of March."

1767 - Andrew Jackson was born in South Carolina. At the age of 13, he was fighting for American independence. In the war of 1812, he lived on hickory nuts and earned the nickname, "Old Hickory." He became the 7th President in 1829. The Hermitage near Nashville was his home.

1927 - Country singer Carl Smith was born.

- **1931** D.J. Fontana, drummer for Elvis Presley, was born.
- 1941 Mike Love of the Beachboys was born.

1956 - "My Fair Lady" opened on Broadway starring Julie Andrews. It ran for 2,717 performances.