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Athens, Tennessee

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Etowah Archivist Is Certified

Paul Barnette, of the Etowah Historical Commission, has earned his Archives Management Certification at the 2019 Tennessee Archives Institute. This year the Institute drew 26 participants from archives, libraries and museums across the state. The Institute is an annual two-and-a-half-day workshop on the principles and practices of archive management and records preservation. The photo shows Barnette, left, standing next to Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett.



♦ BELL RE-ELECTED TO NASC COUNCIL

State Sen. Mike Bell of Riceville has been re-elected to serve a second term as a member of the Executive Council for the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses. The group works to create a nationwide network of legislators to shape policies that address issues facing hunters and fishermen in America.

Start your Christmas season with... Gordon Mote Live in Concert Featuring Gospel Songs & Christmas Favorites

FREE Admission, Love offering will be received

North Etowah Baptist Church 231 Pennsylvania Ave. December 1st 6pm Click <u>HERE</u> for info.

Another Joe Guy History Moment

Knight Park in downtown Athens is today a scenic and carefully manicured park. But in the early days of Athens, it was anything but scenic.

In 1822 the first jail was built there, and old records tell of the whipping post and gallows that were once used under Tennessee's original constitution. Another was built in the 1850's that lasted until after the Civil War.

These buildings were less than sanitary, and held every type of criminal from murderers, to horse thieves, to common drunks. The triangle of land was also used as a junk yard of sorts for old railroad equipment, and even after a new jail was built closer to the courthouse, the area remained ugly and foul.

But in the 1930's, public sentiment and the efforts of local attorney and civic leader EB Madison cleaned up the park and tore down the old calaboose, renovating the land to the pleasant and well-kept park we enjoy today. Still, who knows the secrets buried under the carefully mowed grass of Knight Park?

(Joe Guy is the McMinn County Historian. He originally prepared these History Moments for broadcast on WYXI Radio. They are currently aired several times each day on FM 94.5 and AM 1390. In addition, it is our pleasure to publish them in The Morning Fax as part of McMinn County's Bicentennial Celebration)





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Obituaries

• **Bonnie Moses,** age 75, of Athens, died Tuesday at Lauren Brook Nursing Home in Dayton. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

• Mildred Louise Mattson Sneed, age 89, of Decatur, died Tuesday at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. Funeral services will be 7 p.m. Friday at Clear Springs Baptist Church, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

• Imogene Raper, age 86, of Athens, died Tuesday at her residence. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 102 points or 0.4% to 27,934. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 2 points or 0.1% to 3,120, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 21 points or 0.2% to 8,571.

MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce will hold Business Before Hours Thursday, Nov. 21st, at 8 a.m. at Miller & McPhail CPA's, 123 West Washington Ave., Athens.

✓ The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be Steve Austin, founder and president of 180 Degrees Ministries. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390, FM-94.5 or ONLINE

Community News You Can Use

✓ The McMinn Senior Activity Center's 21st Annual Christmas Bazaar & Craft Show will be this Saturday, November 23rd, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thee will be lots of holiday gifts and bake sale items for sale. Have your picture taken with Santa. The McMinn Senior Activity Center is located at 205 McMinn Avenue in Athens.

✓ The Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce is requesting nominations to serve on the Board of Directors for a three-year term. Six new members will be named to the current board. Each nominee must be a member of good standing, and must agree to serve a full term and to attend the board's monthly meetings. You may submit your nomination to the Chamber office by email before November 23rd or by regular mail to the Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 458, Etowah, TN 37331.

✓ Camp Living Stones will present the 2019 Run for the Hills 5K Trail and Fun Run this Saturday. The entry fee is \$30. Check in from 8 to 8:45 a.m. For information, call 263-5060.

✓ A small business workshop titled "12 Tips for Christmas Marketing" will be held this Friday from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at the LITE House on the TWU campus. The workshop is free for small business owners. For information, call Anne Montgomery at 252-1119.

