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Today's News...This Morning

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Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

Local & Area News

Etowah Gets Rural Funding

◆ TODAY IS SUPER TUESDAY PRIMARY

Voters across Tennessee will go to the polls today for Super Tuesday voting. It is the day for the Republican and Democratic presidential preference primary, the county Republican and Democratic primary, and the voters who live in McMinn County (but not in the city of Athens) will be able to vote for or against a .75% increase in the local option sales tax. Here in McMinn County, the polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. You must vote at your assigned polling place.

◆ FEBRUARY WAS A RAINY MONTH

Athens Utilities Board recorded 12.85 inches of rain in February. The most rain in one 24-hour period was 3.87 inches on February 6th. AUB measured 2.25 inches of snow on February 9th. The highest temperature in February was 73 and the lowest was 22 degrees.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The monthly PTSD Support Group meets tonight from 6:30 to 8:30 at Athens Lutheran Church. If you have questions, call 744-1605.
- ✓ Athens Lutheran Church will have midweek Wednesday Lenten Services starting tomorrow, March 4th, at 7 p.m. The church will provide dinner at 6 p.m. prior to the services. All are welcome.

The Etowah Historical Commission and the City of Etowah recently received federal funds from USDA Rural Development.

The funds supported the Historical Commission's new exhibits and improvements to the interior of the L&N Depot. Jim Tracy, Tennessee Director for USDA Rural Development, toured the Depot last week to see the results of the funding. Tracy was accompanied by Chris Hampton (Area Director for Middle Tennessee), and Kris Battle (Area Director for Southeast Tennessee). Linda Caldwell with Tennessee Overhill sent us this photo showing: (L-R) Etowah Mayor Burke Garwood and Jim Tracy.



Etowah Mayor Burke Garwood and Jim Tracy.

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

- ♦ **Margareta Krysa Willis**, age 82, of Niota, died Sunday at her home. Funeral services will be 7 p.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Betty Sue Brock**, age 72, died Saturday. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Sheila Kaye York Cox**, age 61, of Etowah, died Monday. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sunrise Cemetery. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Douglas Dwight "Doug" Freeman**, age 56, of Riceville, died Sunday at Life Care Center of Athens. A Celebration of his life will be at 4 p.m. on Wednesday at Companion Funeral Home of Athens with visitation from 2 to 4 p.m. prior to the service.
- ♦ **Julie Annett Hale**, age 46, of Decatur, died on February 14, at her home. The family will plan a memorial service which will be announced later.
- ♦ **Jill Jack Roderick**, age 66, of Athens, died Friday, at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. She was formerly employed as a medical assistant for Dr. Johnnie Carter and also worked at Athens Regional Medical Center as a unit secretary and a phlebotomist. Funeral services will be 12:00 noon Wednesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, at the funeral home.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks finished the day nearly 5% higher. American Airlines suspended change fees for canceled trips, as flight cancellations increase due to the coronavirus. Treasury yields rose for the first time in 10 days. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 1294 points or 5.1% to 26,706. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 135 points or 4.6% to 3,090, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 385 points or 4.5% to 8,952.

Another Joe Guy History Moment

Standing on Hwy 11 between Athens and Niota, the old Cleage House rises above the highway like an old gravestone, the old abandoned house having recently been used as a Halloween attraction. The brick home was built and designed by Samuel Cleage, a traveling builder from Virginia who settled in McMinn County about 1823. Cleage's slaves were master brick makers, evident in the long-lasting buildings that remain today in and around Athens.

East Tennessee has clay that lends itself to brick-making. Cleage's slaves would dig the clay for the buildings on site, and mix it with sand and mussel shells brought in wagon loads from the Hiwassee River. The slaves would slap handfuls of the wet brick mixture into a brick mold, and today crescent-shaped wrinkles are visible in the bricks where air pockets were baked into the bricks. The remarkable bricks made by Cleage's slaves are still visible in such buildings as the Cleage House, Mars Hill Church and the old Railroad Office on Jackson Street in Athens, the Rice House on Madison Avenue in Athens, and the Cate House in Niota.

Cleage freed his slaves at the time of his death in 1850, and these freedmen became some of the first black business owners in McMinn County prior to the Civil War. Many white and black families in our area are descended from these master craftsmen and entrepreneurs.

(Joe Guy is the McMinn County Historian)



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