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State & Local News

◆ DECATUR MAN DIES IN BRADLEY CRASH

A Decatur man was killed in a one-vehicle traffic crash in Bradley County earlier this week. Authorities say Randall Lewis Geren, 67, died Tuesday morning when his car ran off Georgetown Road in a curve and struck a tree.

◆ AMAZON NOW COLLECTING SALES TAX

A law that will boost Tennessee's tax revenue is now in effect. Starting yesterday, Amazon.com is collecting sales tax on items sold in Tennessee. Those sales tax collections could bring in about \$17million per year in new state revenue. They will also bring in new revenue for Bradley and Hamilton counties.

◆ TENNESSEE WOMAN HEADING FOR MARS

Here's a story right out of the science fiction books. A Jonesborough woman, Darlene Denis, has been selected as a finalist for the Mars One mission to Mars. More than 200,000 people applied, and only 1,057 made the first cut. Mars One's mission is to send a group of people on a one-way trip to Mars with the goal of colonizing the planet. Darlene's boyfriend also applied, but he was not chosen as a finalist. The finalists will train for several years leading up to the eventual launch.







National & International News

◆ A major policy change took effect yesterday. The Boy Scouts of America is now open to gay youth. Scout Leaders voted to allow boys who identify as gay to join The Boy Scouts of America. Meanwhile, *Trail Life USA*, "a Christian adventure, character, and leadership movement for young men" has begun with 500 troops.

◆ In 2013, homicides fell sharply in many leading US cities, plummeting by as much as 20 percent. New York, Chicago and Los Angeles saw a continuation of the downward trend of recent years. According to city figures, New York recorded 333 homicides through December 29, 2013; 84 fewer than one year earlier.

◆ A billowing fire engulfed a three-story building with several apartments in Minneapolis on New Year's Day, sending 13 people to hospitals. An explosion was reported about 8:15 a.m. Within minutes a fire raged through the building, amid sub-zero temperatures. EMT's responded to find victims on the ground, some with injuries that suggested they may have fallen multiple stories.


◆ The nation's first recreational pot industry opened in Colorado yesterday, kicking off a marijuana experiment that will be watched closely around the world. It is attracting people from across the country with several people moving there so they can smoke pot.


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WEATHER

Thursday - Cloudy. 80% rain chance. High-mid 40's.
Thurs. night - Mostly cloudy & cold. Low-18 to 21.
Friday - Sunny. High-mid 30's.
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More of 2013's Big Local Stories

In December, a police shootout in Etowah resulted in the death of a Robertson County man who had killed his girlfriend, then set her house on fire, and drove to Etowah. He started firing on Etowah officers as they pulled him over for reckless driving.

Effective December 1st, Athens Regional Medical Center and Woods Memorial Hospital became known as the Starr Regional Medical Center-Athens and Etowah.

Several public officials announced they would not be seeking re-election, including Judges James Watson and Carroll Ross, District Attorney Steve Bebb, and McMinn Highway Commissioner Randall Moss.

McMinn Property Assessor Jerry Anderson resigned after pleading guilty to a charge of official misconduct.

The jobless rate in McMinn County was 9% at the first of the year. It dropped to 8.4% by year's end.

Bad weather caused the Etowah Christmas parade to be cancelled and the Etowah 4th of July fireworks show to be postponed to August 31st.

Obituaries

Verlie Ellen Pearman Pierce, age 85, of Niota died Tuesday at NHC of Athens. She served as a volunteer at the McMinn County Senior Citizen's Center and sang with the Silver Tones Band. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday.

John Edward Beja, age 57, of Owens Cross Roads, Alabama, died Monday in Alabama. He was been a truck driver and was a veteran of the Army and National Guard, serving in the Iraq conflict. His mother, Sally Ann Beja, lives in Athens. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m.

Beverly Denise Wiley Underdown, age 50, of Athens died Tuesday at her home. She was a former employee of Morning Pointe Assisted Living and Dollar General in Riceville. Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

Charlene Armstrong Scruggs, age 73, of Athens died last Saturday at her home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens.

Yvonne "Bonnie" Emmons, age 73, of Etowah died Tuesday at her home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah.

JICYMI: Newschannel 9 Meteorologist Jason Disharoon's Christmas Eve Poem "T'was the Forecast Before Christmas" was a big hit. Just in case you missed it, click [HERE](#) to see a video replay. Thanks Jason for a "cool" forecast.

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Today In History, January 2

1788 - The state of Georgia ratified the Constitution; the fourth state to do so.

1936 - Singer Roger Miller was born. His biggest hit record was "King of the Road."

1959 - Moscow Radio announced that a Russian rocket had been launched to the moon. Luna One never actually landed on the moon. It ended its mission by going into orbit around the sun.

1960 - Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

1968 - Dr. Christian Barnard performed his second successful heart transplant.

1974 - President Richard Nixon signed a bill requiring states to lower highway speed limits to 55-miles an hour or lose federal highway funds.

2008 - Crude oil prices soared to \$100 a barrel for the first time.

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