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### LOCAL & STATE NEWS

◆ **CITY SCHOOLS MAKE NEW APPOINTMENTS**  
 ~Mrs. Jill Swafford will be the new Principal at Ingleside School beginning July 1st. She is a veteran educator with 15 years of experience as a teacher, Assistant Principal, Principal, and Federal Projects and Testing coordinator along with Co-Supervisor of elementary Curriculum for Polk County Schools. She is currently serving as the Principal at South Polk Elementary in Old Fort. Mrs. Swafford earned a Bachelor's degree from Lee University, and a Master's and Education Specialist degree from Lincoln Memorial University.  
 ~Mrs. Melody Armstrong has been appointed as Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction effective July 1st. She has served as the Early Childhood Supervisor for McMinn County Schools, Principal at City Park School, Principal at Calhoun Elementary School, Assistant Principal at Englewood School, and a classroom teacher. She earned a Bachelor's Degree from Lincoln Memorial University and a Master's Degree from Trevecca Nazarene University.

◆ **VA BEING SUED FOR HARVESTING ORGANS**  
 A woman from Murfreesboro says that the VA hospital in Murfreesboro took her dead husband's organs even though he was not an organ donor. Wanda Frierson says poor care led to her husband's death and that the agency allowed Tennessee Donor services to take her husband's organs without authorization. Frierson's \$2.5 million lawsuit claims the VA hospital released Devrek Frierson days before he died even though his health was failing. He died last June 18th at the age of 54. Medical records show prior to his death, Kevrek Frierson confirmed he was not a donor. Frierson served 10 years in the U.S. Marine Corps.

### NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Federal authorities have ordered Amtrak to take immediate steps to improve safety on the Northeast Corridor, four days after a derailment that killed eight people and injured hundreds.  
 ◆ There was no communication between the derailed Amtrak train engineer to the dispatch center to suggest that a projectile had hit the ill-fated train. However, the idea that an object hit the train is something that the National Transportation Safety Board is continuing to assess. Meanwhile, the windshield of the locomotive is being examined by the FBI with high-powered microscopes and the train engineer did suffer a head injury.  
 ◆ U.S. Special Operations Forces killed a senior ISIS leader and captured his wife. The President authorized special operations forces to conduct the Saturday night raid in eastern Syria to capture top ISIS leader Abu Sayyaf and his wife Umm Sayyaf. Abu Sayyaf was killed during the operation. No U.S. forces were killed or injured.  
 ◆ A Yellowstone National Park visitor was gored by a bison while trying to pose for a photo. The victim was a 16-year-old girl exchange student from Korea who suffered serious, but not life-threatening injuries.  
 ◆ Sources say Ohio Governor John Kasich is "virtually certain" to jump into the race for the 2016 Republican presidential nomination

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## April Property Transfers

There were a total of 40 verifiable sales in McMinn County between April 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 and May 1<sup>st</sup> 2015, the medium sales price was \$117,250. The total sales volume was \$5,459,475. During the same time period last year there was 40 sales with a total sales volume of \$4,715,000. A partial listing is below.

108 Miller Street	Athens	\$5,201
1316 County Road 609	Etowah	\$58,000
310 Georgia Avenue	Etowah	\$59,875
456 Red River Rd	Englewood	\$60,000
1443 Highway 30 E	Athens	\$60,000
610 McEl St	Athens	\$61,900
121 Hillcrest	Englewood	\$62,000
198 County Road 890	Etowah	\$64,000
520 5th Street	Etowah	\$69,000
110 Forrest Ave	Athens	\$80,000
3039 Lee Hwy	Athens	\$83,000
815 County Road 172	Athens	\$90,000
615 Georgia Ave	Etowah	\$90,000
138 County Road 332	Athens	\$92,600
216 Wilkins Avenue	Etowah	\$97,500
1206 Old Englewood Rd	Athens	\$113,500
450 Sunview Dr	Athens	\$114,000
154 County Road 556	Athens	\$115,000
522 Brewer Street	Athens	\$115,000
1556 County Rd 609	Etowah	\$115,000
2682 Highway 68	Niota	\$119,500

Data provided by Tennessee Valley Appraisal Service.

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## Obituaries

• **Tommy Joe Parkinson**, age 56, of Riceville, died last Friday at Erlanger Medical Center. He was a native and lifelong resident of Riceville. Funeral services will be Monday at 4 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 2 to 4 p.m. at Ziegler.

• **Susie Shepherd Malone**, age 58, of Athens, died Saturday night at her residence. She was an assistant Vice President of Citizens National Bank with 37 years of service and had led the CNB Relay Team for many years in support of the American Cancer Society. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Ziegler.

• **Grace Hoggard Lowe**, age 76, of Athens, died Sunday at her home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

• **Ross Ann Farner Newman**, age 66, of Athens, died Saturday at Sweetwater Hospital. She was retired from Kentucky Fried Chicken as an assistant manager. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Monday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ A workshop session of the McMinn County Board of Education will take place Thursday, May, 21st at 4 p.m. at the Center for Educational Excellence in the Courthouse Annex on Hill Street.

✓ An earthquake strong enough to be felt and heard occurred last Friday morning at 11:29 about 2 miles SSW of Sweetwater. It measured 1.7 in magnitude.

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## TODAY IN HISTORY - MAY 18

**1860** - Abraham Lincoln was nominated for the U.S. Presidency by the Republican Party at its convention in Chicago.

**1896** - The Supreme Court endorsed the concept of "separate but equal" racial segregation in Plessy v. Ferguson, a precedent that was overturned in Brown v. Board of Education in 1954.

**1912** - Singer Perry Como was born on this date in Ohio. He started out as a barber, then became one of the top-selling male recording artists in the 1950's and 60's. He died in 2001.

**1933** - Congress passed the Tennessee Valley Act, creating the Tennessee Valley Authority for the purpose of flood control and rural electrification.

**1980** - The Mount St. Helens volcano in Washington state erupted, killing 57 people.