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Local & Area News

◆ WEDDING DRESS FOUND IN TORNADO DEBRIS

Denise Ferguson thought her wedding dress was gone forever after a tornado destroyed her house on Highway 307 three months ago. However, a neighbor who lives a mile away was going through tornado debris that wound up on his property last week when he came across a gold-colored box. Russell Repkie says there was a wedding dress inside. He posted a picture on Facebook, and within two hours Denise Ferguson had contacted him saying the dress was hers. This past Saturday, Denise and Russell met in front of what's left of her house, and Russell retrieved the gold box from his pickup truck. Seeing the wedding dress left Denise in shock. She says the dress is a reminder

of her 18-year marriage full of good memories.



(Photo by WTVC-TV)

National & World News

◆ A suspect is in custody after 28 people were injured Saturday night when a pickup truck plowed into a crowd watching a Mardi Gras parade in New Orleans. Police say it was a case of a drunk driver veering off the street.

◆ In Sneedville, Tennessee, four people ranging in age from 18 to 22 were killed early Saturday when their vehicle ran off the road and hit a tree.

◆ Democrats have elected former Labor Secretary Tom Perez as their new national chairman. He is the first Latino to hold the post.

◆ President Trump says he will not be attending the White House Correspondents' Association annual dinner.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The E.G. Fisher Public Library concludes its observance of Black History Month tomorrow from 12 noon to 3 p.m. with a presentation by Harriel Blair and Mary Alton, Curator of the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum, on the history of the Rosenwald Schools of McMinn County. The Rosenwald Schools were built in rural communities across the South in the early 20th Century for black children. The money came from Julius Rosenwald, who was president of Sears, Roebuck & Company. Several Rosenwald Schools were built in McMinn County, including East Etowah and West Etowah grammar schools, Union School, and J.L. Cook School.



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Athens Linemen Win the Game

Three power division linemen from Athens Utilities Board recently took the top three spots in a seven-state electric power association exam regimen required to become journeymen linemen. AUB's Abe Aziz, Dickie Slack, and Matt Price finished 1st, 2nd, and 3rd respectively in their class on the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association's Apprenticeship Final Exam at the Bellefonte Training Center in Scottsboro, Alabama. Aziz scored a perfect 100 on the final exam, with Slack close behind at 99.8 and Price scoring 99.2. Journeyman candidates must attend lab sessions and demonstrate their hands-on mastery in such areas as high-voltage power system fundamentals, line construction, troubleshooting, and underground infrastructure. Now that they have passed the final exam, they must undergo two years of on-the-job experience before full certification. Pictured above, L-R: Price, Slack, & Aziz.



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Obituaries

- ♦ **Anna Nichole Case**, age 37, of Rocky Face, Georgia, died Saturday in a Dalton, GA, hospital. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Clyde Sterling Rucker**, age 81, of Athens, died last Thursday at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at Bordwine Funeral Home.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Cherokee Beekeeper's monthly meeting will be held tomorrow, Feb. 28th, at AgCentral Co-op at 7 p.m. The topics will be assembly of equipment and what's going on in the hive.
- ✓ Allen Memorial United Methodist Church at 800 Decatur Pike invites you to the 2nd annual Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras Pancake Supper tomorrow from 6 to 7 p.m. The Service of Ashes will be held Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

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TODAY IN HISTORY—FEBRUARY 27th

- 1807** - American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born. He wrote the oft-quoted line: "I shot an arrow in the air. It fell to earth, I know not where."
- 1902** - Novelist John Steinbeck was born. One of his best-known books was "The Grapes of Wrath."
- 1955** - "Billboard" announced that seven-inch 45-rpm singles were outselling 78-rpm singles for the first time in the U.S.
- 1963** - Mickey Mantle signed a contract for \$100,000 with the New York Yankees, making him the highest paid player in baseball at that time.
- 1981** - Singer Josh Groban was born. Among his hit records are "To Where You Are" and "You Raise Me Up."
- 2008** - Author and conservative commentator William F. Buckley Jr. died at age 82.