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Tuesday, March 7, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

Courthouse Cornerstone Found

The cornerstone from the old McMinn County Courthouse has been found. The cornerstone had been missing since the Courthouse was destroyed by fire in 1964. It was discovered recently

by the new owner of the house in Niota known as Fountain Hill In the process of restoring the house, a large stone stoop in front was removed. There was an inscription on the bottom side. It turns out the stone was the cornerstone from the old Courthouse, which was built in 1874. The owner of the house notified McMinn County Living Heritage Museum. The cornerstone is currently on display in the entrance -way to the museum. The plan is for it to eventu-



ally be placed on permanent display in front of the Museum.

National & World News

- ◆ Donald Trump's new executive order on immigration and travel includes a modified version of the refugee ban that was in the original order. Beginning March 16 at 12:01 a.m., the refugee admission program will be shut down for 120 days pending review of the vetting process.
- ◆ The U.S. State Department "strongly condemns" the launches of several missiles by North Korea on Sunday, calling it a violation of U.N. Security Council resolutions.
- ◆ The White House has proposed preserving federal funding for Planned Parenthood if they agree to discontinue providing abortions.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- The next Organic Gardening Workshop at the E.G. Fisher Public Library will be this Thursday, March 9th, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The topic is "The Garden Space."
- ✓ 4-H Summer Junior Camp sign-ups will be held this Friday, March 10th, at 9 a.m. at the UT Extension Office at 107 West College Street in Athens. Summer camp is for children in grades 4-6 and will be held the week of June 19-23. The cost is \$320 but for this Friday only, a \$100 discount will be given.
- ✓ The Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce holds its 55th annual banquet tonight at 7 at McMinn Central High School.
- ✓ The PTSD Support Group meets tonight from 6:30 to 8:30 at Athens Lutheran Church. For information, call 744-1605.



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WEATHER FORECAST

Tuesday - Near 100% rain. Thunder possible. High 61.

Tues. Night - 80% rain. Thunder possible. Low 36.

Wednesday - Sunny. High 66. Wed. Night - Clear. Low 33.

Thursday - Sunny. High 69. More Weather at: wyxi.com

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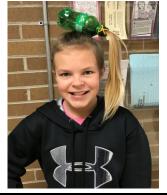
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Read Across America Day

Read Across America Day was held last week to celebrate the birthday of legendary children's author, Dr. Seuss. On March 2nd, schools across the nation invited parents and grandparents to come and read to their children. Students were also urged to dress up in Dr. Seuss costumes, especially hats. The photos below show Nelson Cope reading to his grandson, Makade Kittle, a 4th grader at Niota Elementary School (Makade helped him out with the big words), and Ashley Brown, a 5th grader, with her unusual hat featuring her hair "pouring" out of a bottle.

(Photos by Gretchen Kittle)





Obituaries

- Catherine Hanks Underdown, age 88, of Athens, died Saturday at Starr Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at the funeral home.
- Thomas W. Acuff, age 64, of Riceville, died Saturday at Starr Regional Medical Center. He worked at Mayfield Dairy Farms from 1988 until 2014. A memorial service will be held at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the funeral home.
- Annie "Willie" Mae Rowland, age 82, of Etowah, died last Friday. Funeral services will be held at 12 noon on Wednesday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 10 a.m. to 12 at the funeral home.
- **Kevin C. Balsai,** age 35, of Etowah, died this past weekend in a Sevier County Hospital. He had moved to Etowah nine years ago from Elizabeth, New Jersey. There are no formal services being planned at this time. Serenity Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

♦ IT PAYS TO READ THE MORNING FAX, REALLY!!

We recently received a phone call from one of our long-time Morning Fax readers, Charlie Neely. He told us that he read the February 14th edition of our publication which described how you can check with the State of Tennessee and possibly find unclaimed money that belongs to you. Charlie said he checked with the website and found \$700 that the state will be sending to him.

TODAY IN HISTORY - MARCH 7th

- **1849** The famous American botanist Luther Burbank was born. He developed many new trees, flowers, fruits, and vegetables by "crossing" two plants with each other to produce a third. His creations included the "plumcot," a cross between a plum and apricot, and the "pomato," a cross between a potato and a tomato.
- **1875 -** French composer Maurice Ravel was born. He's best known for "Bolero."
- **1876 -** Alexander Graham Bell got a patent for a mighty important invention--the telephone.
- **1948 -** Singer "Little Peggy March" was born. Her biggest hit record was "I Will Follow You," a number one record in 1963.
- **1970 -** A total solar eclipse swept from southern Mexico up the eastern seaboard of the United States and past the maritime provinces of Canada. Warnings were issued to not look at it with unprotected eyes.

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