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Local & Area News

◆ FIRE ERUPTS AT WACKER PLANT

A fire Saturday morning at the Wacker Polysilicon Manufacturing Facility in Charleston, took about 4 hours to extinguish. The fire began on the 4th floor of their wastewater treatment building. The Bradley County Sheriff's office said that no chemicals were released in the fire and there was no danger to the public.

◆ TWO AREA DROWNING VICTIMS

The body of 25 year-old Ryan Howard of Knoxville, was recovered from Fort Loudoun Lake on Saturday. Howard was reported missing on April 25th. A man from Fannin County, Georgia, 45 year-old Brian Bates, drowned last Thursday while fishing on the Ocoee River in Polk County. Crews from East Polk Fire & Rescue recovered his body on Friday.

FRIDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks were higher, led by the consumer discretionary and industrial sectors. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 197 points or 0.7% to 26,505. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 28 points or 1.0% to 2,946, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 127 points or 1.6% to 8,164.

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The McMinn County Election Commission will have a called meeting on Tuesday, May 7th, at 5 p.m. in the conference room of the McMinn County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting will be the purchase of new voting equipment.
 - ✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library announces the newest installment of local artwork provided by the Community Artist League Art Train. Current artwork on display is provided by Chuck Schwaner, whose art is often compared to that of Norman Rockwell.
 - ✓ SETHRA continues to accept applications for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. You can apply by calling 334-3305.
 - ✓ McMinn County Schools will hold Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten registration today and Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- LISTENING REMINDER:** The guest on the Main Street Athens radio show, "Main Street Moments," this week will be Norma Barham with the McMinn County Schools. You can hear the program each Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, FM 94.5 and AM 1390 or [ONLINE](#)

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Obituaries

- ♦ **Bernard Lee Lipps**, age 87, of Etowah, died Friday. He lived in Etowah for 47 years and served as a city commissioner for several terms. He served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps and was retired from the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the Y-12 plant as an electrician. A funeral service will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **RV Ervin**, age 83, of Madisonville, died last Thursday at Sweetwater Hospital. Services were held Sunday at Myers Funeral Home in Tellico Plains with burial at Ebenezer Cemetery..
- ♦ **Martha Stewart Prichard**, age 100, of Athens, died Friday at Athens Place. She was employed by Van Raalte Hosiery Mill, Athens Products and retired from Walmart at the age of 95 where she was a greeter and worked in the garden department. She was the oldest living member of North Athens Baptist Church. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday at Laycock-Hobbs.
- ♦ **Charles Worthy**, age 75, of Englewood, died Saturday at his residence. He was retired from Vestal Manufacturing where he worked for 45 years. A Celebration of Life and Home going will be at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Serenity Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Serenity.

CLA Hosts Emergency Day

Last Friday, dozens of local agencies such as law enforcement, rescue squads, ambulance, fire, emergency preparedness, and others demonstrated what they do to keep the public safe to the students at Christ Legacy Academy and E.K. Baker School, and others. The THP demonstrated what happens to a person when they're ejected from a vehicle and stressed to students that they should always wear safety restraints while riding in a vehicle. WYXI Radio was on hand to emphasize to students how important it is to have a battery powered radio on hand to hear emergency information during periods of bad weather or hazardous events. In the photo is THP Sgt. Alan Bailey and Trooper Chuck Melhorn. The fire truck ladders are a big hit with the children too.



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TODAY IN HISTORY - May 6th

- 1624** - The Dutch settler Peter Minuit bought Manhattan Island from the Indians for \$25 worth of trinkets. Manhattan Island is now the main part of New York City.
- 1840** - The Penny Black was the world's first adhesive postage stamp used in a public postal system. It was first issued in Great Britain on May 1st 1840, but was not valid for use until 6 May. It features a profile of Queen Victoria.
- 1840** - A tornado that touched down in eastern Louisiana and crossed the Mississippi River into Natchez, Miss., killed 317 people - most of them on boats in the river.
- 1856** - Sigmund Freud, the father of psychoanalysis, was born in Freiberg, Moravia (present-day Pribor, Czech Republic).
- 1861** - Arkansas seceded from the Union.
- 1910** - Britain's King Edward VII died.
- 1915** - Babe Ruth of the Boston Red Sox hit the first of his 714 major league home runs in a 4-3 loss to the New York Yankees at the Polo Grounds.
- 1931** - Baseball player Willie Mays was born in Alabama. He played center field for the New York and San Francisco Giants and was one of a handful of major league players to hit over 50 home runs in one season.
- 1937** - The Hindenburg disaster took place. The German dirigible exploded in flames as it was landing at Lakehurst, New Jersey, after a trans-Atlantic crossing. Thirty-six people died. The crash was described in a live radio broadcast.
- 1954** - The world's first four-minute mile was run on this date in Oxford, England. The man who broke the barrier was 25-year-old Roger Bannister.
- 2002** - "Spider-Man" became the first movie to make more than \$100 million in its opening weekend.