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LOCAL & AREA NEWS

◆ UPDATE ON BICYCLE CRASH VICTIM

Here's an update on the condition of the bicycle rider who was struck by a car as the driver was swatting a bee that flew in his window. It happened last Thursday on East Madison Ave. in Athens. Heather Rose Umphrey, 21, was airlifted to Erlanger Trauma Center, where she has been undergoing treatment for a compression of the spine, a fractured wrist, whiplash, scrapes, and bruises. She is listed in stable condition.

◆ DRINK UP! THE WATER'S SAFE!

The drinking water delivered by Athens Utilities board in 2009 surpassed the regulations set by the state of Tennessee and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The water undergoes tests for such things as turbidity, fluoride, nitrate, sodium, coliform bacteria, lead, and copper. AUB did not incur any violations for contaminant levels, monitoring, or reporting requirements in 2009.

◆ McMINN AIRPORT GETS \$78,850 GRANT

Governor Bredesen has announced that an aeronautics grant of \$78,850 has been approved for the McMinn County Airport. The grant will be used for an Airport Layout Plan, aerial photogrammetry, and pavement evaluation.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ North Korea warns it will sever all communication and relations with Seoul as punishment for blaming the North for the sinking of a South Korean warship two months ago.

◆ The Dow Jones Industrials Average plunged below 10,000 Tuesday after traders dumped stocks on worries about the global economy and tensions between North and South Korea. The Dow Jones Industrials Average closed at 10,043.75; down 22.82 points.

◆ Thousands of heavily armed police and soldiers fought with masked gangsters loyal to drug lord Christopher Coke in the slums of west Kingston, Jamaica, again Tuesday as they search for Coke. At least 30 people have died. The U.S. wants to extradite Coke.

◆ Live underwater video showed the underwater oil spill in the Gulf getting significantly darker, indicating the leak may have hit a reservoir of more oil and less gas. Meantime, BP is getting ready to pump heavy mud and cement into the well in an attempt to plug it. If that fails, they may try to inject assorted junk into the well to clog it and then will place a new blowout preventer on top of the one that failed.

◆ Guinness World Records says a Minnesota man, Igor Vovkovinskiy, is the tallest man in the U.S. at 7 feet, 8.33 inches.

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Community News You Can Use

✓ The garbage pickup days will change for the area of Howard Street to Jackson Street and Cook Drive to Decatur Pike in Athens. Collections will change from Thursday to Friday effective May 28.

✓ Thursday is "Sparkle Day" in downtown Athens as the city prepares for the third annual MooFest coming at the end of the first week in June. MooFest organizers and Keep McMinn Beautiful are asking for volunteers to come to the MooFest office at #6 N. White Street at 4:30 p.m. tomorrow and help clean up the downtown area. Bring along your brooms and/or weed trimmers. KMB will provide bags and gloves.

✓ The Athens Parks and Recreation Department is offering a "Tips on Filling-Out a Job Application" course this Thursday, May 27, from 6 to 7 p.m. The class is free and will be held in the Training Room of the Athens Municipal Building. Rita Brown, Human Resource Director for the city of Athens, will be the instructor. Call 744-2704 to register.

✓ METHEA will hold its annual book sale this Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at E.G. Fisher Library in Athens. Items to be sold include books, games, videos, educational items, and other teaching resources. If you would like to sell items, you must register by May 27 by calling Donna at 423-836-0012. Following the sale, you will receive a check for the proceeds less a 10% commission. Admission is free to METHEA members and \$5 for everyone else. METHEA stands for the Mid East Tennessee Home Education Association.

Obituaries

Kim Loveday, age 44, of Englewood died Sunday in a motorcycle crash. She was an RN at SkyRidge Medical Center in Cleveland. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.

Robert David Snider, age 66, of Riceville died Monday at Woods Memorial Hospital. He was a former employee of Athens City Schools. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Bobby G. Hill, age 53, of Athens died Sunday at Athens Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements TBA by Ziegler Funeral Home.

Larry L. Jackson, age 69, of Athens, died Tuesday at NHC of Farragut. Funeral arrangements TBA by Smith Funeral and Cremation Service.

TODAY IN HISTORY - May 26

1868 - President Andrew Johnson of Tennessee was acquitted of charges of "high crimes and misdemeanors". The House had impeached Johnson, but the Senate acquitted him by just one vote.

1907 - Actor John Wayne was born at Winterset, Iowa. He was best-known for his western movies and was nicknamed "The Duke".

1920 - Singer Peggy Lee was born in North Dakota. Her real name was Norma Dolores Egstrom. Her big break in show-biz came when Benny Goodman hired her to sing with his orchestra. She later had such hit records as "Fever", "Mr. Wonderful", and "Mañana".



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Wednesday - Partly sunny.
20% chance of afternoon
showers. High-upper 80's.