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Athens, Tennessee

LOCAL & AREA NEWS

◆ MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE SET

Monday is Memorial Day. The VFW Post 5146 on Congress Parkway in Athens will conduct the annual Memorial Day Observance at 11 a.m. At the ceremony, the names of veterans who have died since last year will be read. There will be a fly-over by a KC-135 Stratotanker at 11:30 a.m. The Greater Cleveland Jazz Ensemble will provide patriotic music starting at 10:30 a.m.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Due to the Memorial Day weekend, the Athens Recycle Center will be closed on Saturday and Monday. The Athens Municipal Building and the Athens Animal Shelter will be closed on Monday. The residential garbage route for Monday will be picked up on Tuesday. Collection for all other days will be as scheduled.

✓ The Etowah Carnegie Public Library will be closed Saturday and Monday.

✓ The MCHS Band Booster's Club will have a pancake breakfast from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. tomorrow at Applebee's. The cost is \$5 and proceeds will be used to help buy band uniforms.

✓ The Tennessee Department of Transportation will suspend all road construction for the Memorial Day weekend starting at noon today.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ BP officials say the so-called "top kill" procedure to plug the blown-out oil well in the Gulf of Mexico with mud and concrete seems to be working. New estimates showed the spill has already surpassed the Exxon Valdez as the worst in U.S. history.

◆ President Obama says the federal government has been in charge of the response effort from the moment the oil spill began. He announced a series of new steps to deal with the aftermath of the spill, including a moratorium on drilling permits for six months and suspension of planned exploration drilling in the Gulf and off the coasts of Alaska and Virginia. Obama also denounced the oil industry's "cozy and sometimes corrupt" ties with government regulators.

◆ Stocks had another turnaround Thursday and rocketed higher after China reassured investors it doesn't plan to sell the European debt it holds. The Dow Jones Industrials Average closed at 10,258.99; up 284.54 points.

◆ The upcoming Atlantic hurricane season could be one of the most active on record. NASA forecasters predict between 14 to 23 tropical storms, including up to seven major hurricanes. Three of those hurricanes could be major storms with sustained winds of over 111 mph.

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Who's New In Pink & Blue?

Alivia Grace Frase was born May 24 at Athens Regional Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds and 5 ounces and was 19 inches long. Her parents are Donald and Amanda Frase of Etowah.

Heading to the World Series

The Tennessee Wesleyan College baseball team is in Lewiston, Idaho, for their first-ever appearance in the NAIA World Series. The Bulldogs will play Embry-Riddle today. The photo below shows TWC students and faculty wishing the team good luck as they boarded the bus for the trip to Idaho.



Obituaries

Connie Gaynell Glazner, age 53, of Knoxville died last Tuesday at Parkwest Medical Center. She lived in Athens most of her life. She worked for Jesse Guinn Law Firm in Knoxville. A memorial service will be held at 8 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.

Roy Frank Shamblin, age 84, of Riceville died Wednesday at Life Care Center of Athens. He was retired from Bowater. Funeral service will be at 8 p.m. Friday at Eastanallee Baptist Church, with visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. at the church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

Mrs. Gayle Jones, age 61, of Athens, died Thursday at Athens Regional Medical Center. She was the former owner of the Village Book Shoppe. Funeral service at 8 p.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs.

Church News & Events

- First Baptist Church of Athens presents VBS at "Saddle Ridge Ranch" June 7-11 for ages 3 years-6th grade, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

- North Etowah Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School June 6-10 for children age 3-Grade 6 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. VBS for adults will be 7 to 8:30 p.m.

- Delano Baptist Church will have VBS June 6-10 with ages 2 to youth from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and adults from 6:45-7:45 p.m.

- The Englewood First Baptist Church Youth Group is hosting a dinner to help support their mission trip to Montana, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday in the Family Life Center. Call 887-5175.

- Salt & Light Studios will present "Freedom, Mankind's Journey of Struggle, Sacrifice, & Triumph" at Sweetwater United Methodist Church Friday & Saturday at 7pm & Sunday at 2pm. Call 337-4928 for tickets.

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1908 - English novelist Ian Fleming was born. During World War II, he did espionage work for the British Naval Intelligence. Fleming created the secret service agent character James Bond in his novels.

1934 - The famous Dionne quintuplets were born. Three of the quints survived--Annette, Cecile, and Yvonne.

1944 - Singer Gladys Knight was born. Her biggest hit record was "Midnight Train to Georgia."

1945 - Singer John Fogerty was born. His record, "Centerfield," has been inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

1962 - Country singer Phil Vassar was born.

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Saturday-Mostly cloudy. 50% chance of rain & thunderstorms. High-mid 80's.