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Athens, Tennessee

LOCAL & AREA NEWS

♦ RAILS TO TRAILS GRANT ANNOUNCED

The City of Athens and McMinn County will receive \$80,000 which is to be used to acquire approximately 25.6 acres for the McMinn County Rails-to-Trails project greenway. The funds will come from the Federal Highway Administration and will be used to convert abandoned railbeds into recreational trails.

♦ VIOLENT STORM INJURES WOMAN

A large tree pinned a Madisonville woman inside her car during Friday's afternoon thunderstorms. Pansy Mae Laymance of Madisonville was transported to Athens Regional Medical Center for treatment. The tree fell on Laymance's car while she was driving on the New Englewood Road, near the Better Living Center.

♦ ALASKAN BURGLAR NABBED IN TEN MILE

Jason Barnum, 34, was picked up by the TBI, DTF, & Meigs Deputies for a parole violation at his girlfriend's home in Ten Mile last Thursday. Barnum was convicted of burlary in Anchorage.

 $\sqrt{}$ TWC lost its first-ever appearance at the NAIA World Series in Lewiston, Idaho on Friday. The game went to 12 innings. TWC went ahead 2-1 in the top of the inning, but Embry-Riddle scored 2 runs in the bottom of the inning to win 3-2.

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NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

♦ BP says their "Top Kill" method to try and stop the flow of oil from their leaking oil well into the Gulf of Mexico didn't work. Now, they will try to contain the crude that is leaking from the blown-out well. BP says the only method that is certain to work is to drill more wells. BP says it may be until some time in August before that can be accomplished. Meanwhile, the spectre of crude oil mixed with seawater, being blown inland during a possible Gulf Hurricane, is causing major concern as the summer hurricane season begins.

◆ The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Mike Mullen, said he would have preferred that Congress had waited before voting to repeal the "don't ask, don't tell" law that bans gays from serving openly in the military. The House passed the measure on Friday, largely along a party-line vote.

◆ The federal corruption trial of Rod Blagojevich, the former Illinois governor, begins on Thursday. It's expected to last 3 to 4 months. Blagojevich, a Democrat, was arrested in December 2008 for allegedly trying to sell President Obama's U.S. Senate seat. He was impeached and removed from office in January 2009.

• Bangladesh has joined Pakistan in blocking access to the socialnetworking site Facebook, citing a page on the site that called on people to draw images of the Muslim prophet Muhammad.

• A woman left locked alone in a plane asleep for about four hours after landing at Philadelphia International Airport is suing United Airlines. Ginger McGuire, 36, is suing for false imprisonment, infliction of emotional distress and negligence.



CALL FOR ENTRIES Community Artists League 35th Annual June Show Accepting entries June 4th at 7pm E.G. Fisher Library Lisa Bell 423-435-4431



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SWIFTS IN ACTION

The annual Memorial Day Weekend Swift Fly-In occured at the McMinn County Airport. The attendees traveling the greatest distance were a group of 7 planes which flew from Diamond Point, Washington; near Seattle. The Swift is a sporty single-engine plane made in the 1940's & 1950's and its International Museum is located at the McMinn County Airport.



Photo by Jay Thomson at McMinn County Airport

PHONY I-75 BOMBER NABBED

A Knoxville man, 21-year-old Travis Scott Russell, was arrested Saturday by the THP Criminal Investigations Division and charged with calling Lance & Amber Oakes of Knoxville on May 17th and telling them their car would blow up if their speed dropped below 50 mph, while traveling down I-75 through McMinn County. The incident prompted a dangerous rescue of the couple and their 2 children. Russell is now facing a Class C felony charge.

OBITUARIES

Benjamin (Ben) Jack, age 28, died Thursday night. A funeral service was held Sunday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

Marsha Ann Sawyer Berens, age 59, of Athens and formerly of Norfolk, VA, died Thursday at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga. A funeral service was held Sunday at Ziegler.

Mildred Louise Hayes, age 85, of Athens, died Thursday at a Knoxville nursing home. She and her late husband, Bill, had owned and operated service stations and restaurants in Athens. A funeral service was held Sunday at Laycock-Hobbs.

Raymond Zone Johnston, age 88, of Athens, died Friday at Life Care of Athens. He was a barber for 60 years and was a WWII veteran serving in the U.S. Army. A memorial service will be held at Athens Church of Christ at a later day. Smith Funeral and Cremation Service in in charge of arrangements.

Jack A. Pierce, age 71, of Englewood, died Thursday, at Woods Memorial Hospital. A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Athens with visitation from 5 to 6 p.m. Bordwine is in charge.

Ada Irene Rowland, age 89, of Etowah, died Friday at Woods Memorial Hospital. A funeral service will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

Minnie Beatrice Lane, age 85, of Sweetwater, died Friday at Wood Presbyterian Home. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sweetwater Memorial Gardens. Visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

