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STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ COAL ASH MAY COME TO McMINN CO.

A McMinn County landfill is one of four landfills in the state that have been approved by state environmental authorities as test sites for disposal of coal ash from TVA's Kingston Steam Plant. The McMinn County site is the Meadow Branch landfill near Athens. At this point, TVA says it has no plans to ship any of the ash to McMinn County. The other sites that were approved are in Loudon, Oneida, and Knox County. If TVA decides to conduct test runs at the Tennessee landfills, it must notify the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and limit the tests to 10 truckloads of ash at each landfill. TVA has already decided to ship some of the coal ash to a landfill in Alabama.

◆ POLK COUNTY CAMPERS GET SWINE FLU

Six cases of swine flu have been confirmed among members of a church group who became ill during a camping trip in Polk County. About 600 middle school students and staff members from Long Hollow Baptist Church in Sumner County were camping at Horn's Creek Resort in Polk County last week when 15 of them became ill. The campers cut their trip short and returned home. Health officials have confirmed that six of the ill campers had swine flu.

MORE HOLIDAY CLOSINGS: The Etowah Carnegie Library will be closed today and tomorrow and will re-open Monday. The Niota City Hall will be closed Monday, July 6th.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ Vice President Joe Biden made a surprise visit to Baghdad on Thursday to meet with Iraqi leaders, U.S. military commanders, and troops. He said he is optimistic about Iraq's future, but said much work remains to be done.

◆ The nation's unemployment rate climbed to a 26-year high of 9.5 percent in June. Workers also saw weekly wages fall. The stock market reacted negatively, with the Dow Jones Industrials Average closing at 8,280.74; down 223.32 points.

◆ In Oxford, Florida, authorities say an 8-foot-long pet Burmese python escaped from its terrarium and strangled and killed a 2-year-old girl who was asleep in her crib.

◆ Australian researchers say people who live on vegetarian diets have slightly weaker bones than their meat-eating counterparts.

◆ Grammy winning country singer Ray Price is recuperating at home in Texas after surgery to remove polyps from his colon. The 83-year-old entertainer expects to be back on the road in a few weeks. Price began his career in the 1950's with hits like "Crazy Arms" and "Heartaches by the Number."



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Athens, Tennessee

WHO'S NEW IN PINK & BLUE??

Kaleiah Alyse Clark was born June 29 at Athens Regional Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces and was 19 inches long. Her parents are Jewel and Cody Clark of Athens.

Joseph John Monroe was born June 28 at ARMC. He weighed 8 pounds and 13 ounces and was 20 inches long. His parents are Candyce and Josh Monroe of Athens.

Edward "Eddie" Benjamin Graham was born June 27 at ARMC. He weighed 5 pounds and 13 ounces and was 18 inches long. His parents are Sara Derby and Jeffrey Graham of Athens.

Allyssa Raylen was born June 23 at ARMC. She weighed 7 pounds and 15 ounces and was 19½ inches long. Her parents are Amber Schlicting and Tom Gunter of Athens.

The Morning Fax staff members wish you a very happy and patriotic Fourth of July weekend !!

OBITUARIES

Alma Rhea Slack, age 82, of Englewood died Tuesday at Woods Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held last night at Bordwine Funeral Home.

Eugene M. Barnes, Jr., age 87, of Athens died Wednesday at his home. He worked for Conoco-Phillips for 30 years and served in the U.S. Army. Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Oak Grove Baptist Church, with visitation from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

Hazel Yvonne Jordan Shockey, age 85, of Madisonville died Thursday at Athens Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday.


Myrtle Marie Rice Presley, age 80, of Calhoun died Wednesday at her home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church of Calhoun. Visitation 6-8 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

AARP PICKS MAYFIELD VISITOR CENTER

The Mayfield Dairy Farms Visitor Center in Athens has been named one of AARP Magazine's favorite places in Tennessee. AARP of Tennessee polled its 300 state volunteers on their 50 favorite day-trips in the state and the Mayfield Visitor Center made the list. People from across the country visit the Mayfield Dairy to take a free tour and learn about Mayfield's history and products. Tours are available Monday thru Saturday.

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY - JULY 3

1863 - Confederate forces were defeated by the Union Army at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania--one of the major battles in the Civil War.
1928 - The world's first color television transmission took place in London.
1930 - Pete Fountain, Dixieland jazz clarinet player, was born.
1940 - U.S. Senator Lamar Alexander was born. He is also a former Tennessee governor.
1958 - Country singer Aaron Tippin was born. His hit records include "You've Got To Stand For Something" and "There Ain't Nothin' Wrong With The Radio."

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