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# Today's News...This Morning

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Athens, Tennessee

# LOCAL & AREA NEWS

### ♦ EARLY VOTING STARTS TODAY

Early voting for the August 5th election starts today. Early voting will continue through July 31st. In McMinn County, early voting takes place at the Election Commission office in the Courthouse Annex in the Madison Park Shopping Center.

### SWEETWATER FLEA MARKET IS SOLD

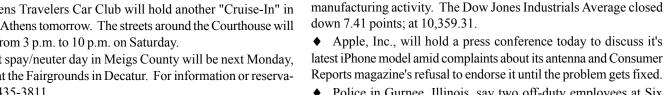
The Sweetwater Flea Market has a new owner. Actually, it's an old owner. The flea market was sold to its former owners, Joseph and Shirley Proctor of Chattanooga, for \$2 million. The Proctors say the Flea Market will continue to operate as normal.

### ♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

 $\sqrt{1}$  The Athens Travelers Car Club will hold another "Cruise-In" in downtown Athens tomorrow. The streets around the Courthouse will be closed from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday.

 $\sqrt{1}$  The next spay/neuter day in Meigs County will be next Monday, July 19th, at the Fairgrounds in Decatur. For information or reservations, call 435-3811.

 $\sqrt{\mathbf{R}}$  Riceville Youth Football will hold a football camp featuring Kevin Revis from the UR Vols from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow at the Riceville Football Field. The cost is \$25.00. Call 462-2197 for information.



◆ Police in Gurnee, Illinois, say two off-duty employees at Six Flags Great America attacked a female colleague dressed as "Porky Pig." The two young men took a photo with Porky and then punched the mascot in the head several times.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

• BP engineers say the new cap on the leaking oil well in the Gulf is working and oil has stopped leaking for the first time since April.

• A new government study finds illegal prescription drug abuse is

now the nation's fastest-growing drug problem. The study says there

was a 400% increase in the number of people admitted to treatment

♦ Argentina has become the first country in South America to le-

galize same-sex marriages. Argentina says gays and lesbians have all

the legal rights and protections that marriage brings to heterosexual

Stocks fell Thursday after a series of disappointing reports about

for abusing prescription pain medication from 1998 to 2008.



couples.



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# Who's New In Pink & Blue "

**Caylon Jack Simmons** was born July 13 at Athens Regional Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounces and was 19½ inches long. His parents are Shaunda and Timothy Simmons of Niota.

**Caleb Hunter Hitt** was born July 11 at ARMC. He weighed 7 pounds and 10 ounces and was 20<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches long. His parents are Lisa and Tim Hitt of Athens.

## **Church News and Events**

- Goodsprings Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday through Thursday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. VBS Kick-Off will be held tomorrow from 5 to 7 p.m. with a water slide, fire truck rides, snow cones and hot dogs. The church is located at 927 County Road 660, Etowah.

- Tye Crumley will be in concert at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church this Sunday morning at 11 a.m. Tye was a featured soloist with Voices of Lee for four years. For information or directions to the church, call 263-2087.

- The Hymnsmen Quartet from Cleveland will sing at Pope Avenue Baptist Church this Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

- Beulah Chapel Church of the Nazarene in Niota off Highway 68 will observe Homecoming this Sunday at 11 a.m. with special singing and preaching. Dinner on the grounds occurs after the service.

## **Obituaries**

**Mr. Johnny J. Womack,** age 82, of Riceville died Wednesday at Life Care Center of Athens. He was retired from the Bendix Corporation in Cleveland and was also a retired farmer. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m.

**Elizabeth Ann Chastain Roy,** age 86, of Athens died Tuesday at Athens Regional Medical Center. She was a native of White County, a former resident of Knoxville, and had lived in McMinn County since 1984. She was retired from S & W Cafeteria in Knoxville. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Saturday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.

**James A. Armstrong, Jr.,** age 66, of Englewood died Thursday at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral home.

### MORE CHURCH NEWS

- Calvary Baptist Church in Riceville will hold Vacation Bible School July 19-23 from 6:15 to 8 p.m. Call 829-6203 for information.

- Gary Willingham will sing this Sunday morning at 11 a.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Riceville.

- The Hymnsmen will sing at Victory Baptist Church on Highway 11, Niota, this Sunday evening.

