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LOCAL & AREA NEWS

◆ ATHENS POLICE NAB ARMED ROBBER

A man robbed the clerk at the Jiffy 7 till 11 on Eastanallee Avenue early Sunday morning, but he didn't get to spend the money. The clerk says a man pulled a knife and demanded money as she was leaving after closing. She threw her pocketbook to the suspect and he fled. The clerk told police she recognized the robber. Police arrested Dennis Michael Falls, 36, of Athens a short time later.

◆ WOMAN HURT WHEN SUV FLIPS

Angie Davis of Delano was injured Sunday afternoon when her SUV flipped several times. She was headed west on Highway 163 when she ran off the roadway and rolled. She was ejected and was transported to Woods by iCare. Three small children in the vehicle were not hurt. (Photo by Jay Thomson)



PLANE CRASH NEAR SWEETWATER

The pilot of a small plane was killed around noon Sunday when his plane crashed in the fog on a rocky, wooded hillside off Highway 322 east of Sweetwater. Witnesses say the plane was on fire before it crashed. Authorities have not yet released the pilot's name.

NATIONAL NEWS HEADLINES:

- ◆ Bishop Eddie Long, pastor of a Georgia megachurch, says he will fight allegations that he lured young men into sexual relationships. He drew thunderous applause when he told his church that while he's not perfect, the picture painted by the allegations is far from accurate.
- ◆ The top Republican in the House, John Boehner, says Congress should settle the issue of whether to extend tax cuts now rather than leave it until after the November elections. Boehner says Congress has the opportunity this week to let the American people know what the tax rates are going to be at the end of the year.
- ◆ A Connecticut man has completed a cross-country canoe trip, paddling (and pedaling) 4,300 miles from Portland, Oregon, to Portland, Maine. Alexander Martin used a bicycle to haul his canoe 800 miles over land to cover parts of the country that are not connected by water.

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"Walking For Life"

Despite overcast skies and light rain, around 125 people took part in Full Circle's annual Walk for Life event in downtown Athens Sunday afternoon. Full Circle director Anne Montgomery and Dr. Jason Clark, pastor of First Baptist Church of Athens, addressed the walkers before they stepped off. Each walker had sponsors, and the proceeds will benefit Full Circle Women's Services. (Photos by Cheri Harrison)



Some of the walkers on the Courthouse Square downtown



Anne Montgomery



Dr. Jason Clark

OBITUARIES

Rev. Henry Jones, age 69, of Athens died this past Friday at his home. Funeral services were held Saturday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

Ersie Mae Reno Greene Martin, age 77, of Englewood died last Friday at her home. She had worked as a seamstress in many sewing factories and was retired from Plastic Industries. Funeral services were held Sunday night at Bordwine Funeral Home.

UPDATE: The TBI and the Decatur Police Department continue to investigate the shooting death of 51-year-old Roger Self. Self was found dead in a barn on his property on Five Point Road in Decatur last Thursday morning. His death is being treated as a homicide.

COUNTY ROAD 181 HOUSE FIRE

A reader submitted this photo of a house on County Road 181 that was destroyed by fire last week. There were no injuries. No word on the cause of the fire.



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WEATHER

Monday - 100% chance of showers, high of 71

Monday night - 50% chance of showers, low of 57

Tuesday - 20% chance of showers, high of 73

THIS DAY IN HISTORY-Sept. 27

1722 - American patriot Samuel Adams was born. He was a key spokesman pressing for American independence from Britain. He was one of the signers of the U.S. Declaration of Independence.

1914 - Writer Catherine Marshall was born. Her books included "Christie," "Julie," and the biography of her husband, "A Man Called Peter." Peter Marshall was a Presbyterian minister and served as chaplain of the U.S. Senate.

1940 - Germany, Italy, and Japan signed a mutual military aid agreement, forming the Axis powers of World War II. The other side--including the U.S.--were known as the "Allied" powers.

1959 - Singer/actor Shaun Cassidy was born. He was the son of actor David Cassidy and actress Shirley Jones. He recorded a #1 hit record in 1977 titled "Da Doo Ron Ron." He played Joe Hardy on the TV series "The Hardy Boys."

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