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Monday - November 22, 2010

### STATE AND LOCAL NEWS

#### ◆ WHAT REALLY HAPPENED ON THE BUS?

Students on a Meigs County school bus complained last week that their driver was speeding and driving recklessly. One parent said he could hear children screaming and crying when his son called him from the bus. Several parents called 911 about the bus driving recklessly. However, an investigation by school officials and police reveal a completely different story. After watching surveillance video, Director of Schools Don Roberts says he supports the bus driver. The video does not show the bus was speeding, but it does show that some of the older kids on the bus were acting up. The school system cleared the driver of any wrongdoing, but barred two high school students from riding the bus.

#### ◆ JAIL ESCAPEE CAPTURED IN SO. CAROLINA

An escapee from the Monroe County Jail, Christopher Chittum, and the woman who allegedly drove the getaway car have been arrested in Charleston, South Carolina. When he escaped, Chittum was in jail for robbing the Hampton Inn in Athens. He and the woman, Samantha Stafford, will be returned to Monroe County. Stafford will be charged with facilitating Chittum's escape.

### NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL NEWS

◆ The head of the transportation Security Administration acknowledges that new full-body scanners and thorough pat-downs can be invasive and uncomfortable, but he says the need to stay a step ahead of terrorists rules out changes in airport screening procedures.

◆ The Taliban is vowing to force the U.S.-led coalition to leave Afghanistan before a 2014 date set by the alliance for handing over security responsibility to the Afghan forces.

◆ The European Union finance ministers have agreed to an emergency bailout loan to help Ireland's struggling banks.

◆ Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee says Iowa voters sent a national message on November 2nd by ousting three state Supreme Court justices who ruled in 2009 to legalize gay marriage in Iowa.

◆ In college football, the UT Vols defeated Vanderbilt, 24-10, last Saturday night. Despite the win, Coach Derek Dooley said the Vols "stink at running the ball." He said the team made enough mistakes in the game to last a season. This week's AP college football rankings have Oregon #1, Auburn #2, Boise State #3, and TCU is ranked in 4th place.



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### COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

√ The Athens Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Leadership McMinn Alumni seminar on February 11, 2011. The speaker will be Tina Wesson, a personal nurse from Knoxville. Wesson outlasted 15 other players on the TV show "Survivor" to become the first woman to win the \$1 million prize in 2001. She was 40 at the time, making her the oldest female ever to win "Survivor." The event will be at the McMinn Senior Center at 8 a.m. Tickets will be \$10 for alumni and \$15 for everyone else.



√ A "Cruise-In" was held on the parking lot of Ralph Buckner Funeral Home of Etowah this past Friday evening. The photo (by Jay Thomson)

shows Kristy Pope of Ralph Buckner Funeral Home, flanked by Blake Hackman (R) of Starr Mountain Street Rod & Custom and Ron Clute (L) of the Rough Riders.



### OBITUARIES

**Spc. Nathan Edward Lillard**, age 26, of Athens and Lenoir City was killed in action in Afghanistan when he received small arms fire during a hostile attack on Sunday, November 14. He was born in East Ridge and was a longtime resident of Athens before moving to Lenoir City, where he graduated from high school. He was a member of the U.S. Army, A Company, 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division based at Fort Campbell, KY. Survivors include his mother, Helen Hyatt of Athens. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at McMinn Memory Gardens with full military honors. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

**Samuel Preston Sneed**, age 83, of Athens died last Friday at his home. He was retired from Athens Furniture Co. and had worked at Hammer-Johnson Building Supply. He served in the Army during WW II. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday.

**Mary Sue Roderick**, age 83, of Etowah died last Thursday. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Ralph Buckner Funeral Home of Etowah.

### POSSIBLE NEW JOBS FOR CHARLESTON AREA

There's a chance that 1,000 new jobs could be coming to Bradley County. The county is trying to land a large distribution center that would be located at Interstate 75 and Lauderdale Memorial Highway near Charleston.

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