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Thursday-February 24, 2011

LOCAL & AREA NEWS

◆ SHERIFF CALLS FOR "PSEUDO-FREE" DAYS

McMinn County Sheriff Joe Guy is calling on all retail stores in McMinn County to suspend all sales of any products containing pseudoephedrine for the next 100 days. Sheriff Guy says pseudoephedrine is the main component used in manufacturing methamphetamine. He was "if there is no pseudoephedrine, there is no meth." He's also sent a message to his fellow sheriffs across the state asking them to call on stores in their counties to also suspend the sales of pseudoephedrine. Sheriff Guy points out that federal funding of meth cleanup ended Tuesday night at midnight. He says the cost of meth lab cleanup will likely fall on already financially burdened counties.

◆ MAN ROBS SUPER 8 MOTEL IN ATHENS

Athens police are looking for a white male who robbed the Super 8 Motel on Decatur Pike Wednesday morning. The clerk says she walked into the desk area after being in another room and saw a masked man taking the money from the register. When she confronted him, he shoved her, fled on foot, and got into a black sedan. He did not display a weapon. The clerk was not injured. The amount of money taken has not been disclosed.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ President Obama condemns the continuing violence in Libya as "outrageous and unacceptable." He is dispatching Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to Geneva for international talks aimed at stopping the violence.

◆ Stocks tanked for a second straight session Wednesday as oil prices surged to briefly cross the \$100 per barrel mark amid the turmoil in Libya. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 107 points to close at 12,105.78.

◆ The University of Tennessee has received a "notice of allegations" from the NCAA regarding the school's men's basketball program under head coach Bruce Pearl and the football program under former head coach Lane Kiffin. The notice is similar to an indictment in the judicial system. UT has a deadline of May 21 to submit a response to the NCAA.

◆ Gay rights supporters have won a big victory. President Obama has decided the Defense of Marriage Act is unconstitutional and has ordered the Justice Department to stop defending the law in court. The law says states do not have to recognize same-sex unions performed in other states.

◆ Ford is recalling 144,000 F-150 trucks from the 2005 and 2006 model years because a short circuit could cause airbags to deploy.



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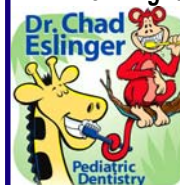
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Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The Athens City Council will hold a special called meeting at 7:15 a.m. Friday to approve the bid for the first phase of Market Park in downtown Athens, where the former Athens Supply Co. was located. The bid will be for the construction of a pavilion in the park. This will be the first of two planned pavilions to provide an area for a farmers market. The first pavilion will cost \$200,000. The City of Athens will pay \$50,000. The rest will come from the Tennessee and the U.S. Departments of Agriculture. Work should get underway next week. Parks Director Austin Fesmire says he's hopeful it will be finished in time for MooFest in June.
- ✓ The original eight performances of the Athens Community Theater production of *ANNIE* are sold out. So, another performance has been added for 2 p.m. this Saturday at The Arts Center on N. White Street. Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$8 for students and can be purchased at The Arts Center, 320 N. White Street.
- ✓ The Tennessee Highway Patrol will be conducting Sobriety Checkpoints tomorrow, Feb. 25, in McMinn County.
- ✓ The McMinn County High School Marching Band will host a Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's this Saturday from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. The cost is \$5 and all proceeds will go toward band uniforms.
- ✓ The McMinn Central High School football team will hold an all-you-can-eat Chili Supper tomorrow, Feb. 25, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria. The cost is \$5. Proceeds will be used for buying playing gear and for upgrades to the school's facility.

Obituaries

Robert Lee Ladd, age 58, of Athens died Wednesday at Athens Regional Medical Center. He worked at Johnson Controls as a welder. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Robert James "R.J." Montgomery, Sr., age 89, died last Saturday in an Etowah health care facility. He was a retired U.S. Postal worker and served in the U.S. Army. Funeral services will be at 12 noon Thursday at M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home in Athens, with visitation at 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Deborah Sue Arnett Knox, age 49, of Athens died Monday at Consulate Health Care in Chattanooga. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

HOW TVA RATE CHANGES WILL AFFECT US

Athens Utilities Board says TVA's changes in its wholesale power rates will have very little affect on AUB's retail rates. AUB's Wayne Scarbrough says customers now pay the same base kilowatt hour rate regardless of the month of the year. The new rate structure will have a rate for summer months, winter months, and the milder transition months in fall and spring. Scarbrough says rates will go up about 2 or 3% in the summer, down the same amount in the fall and spring, and down about 1% in the winter. He says at year's end, the average rate an AUB customer will pay will be largely the same as it is today.

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- 1868** - The House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson following his attempt to fire Secretary of War Edwin Stanton. The Senate later acquitted Johnson.
- 1903** - The United States signed an agreement acquiring a naval station at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.
- 1920** - A group of Germans organized the National Socialist Party, the forerunner of the Nazi Party that later would be led by Adolf Hitler.
- 1942** - The Voice of America went on the air for the first time.
- Born On This Day:** Actor Steven Hill, composer Michel Legrand, former Georgia Governor and U.S. Senator Zell Miller, actor James Farentino, singer Rupert Holmes, broadcast journalist Paula Zahn, and country singer Sammy Kershaw.

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