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LOCAL & AREA NEWS

◆ DEADLY SHOOTING AT FAY PORTABLES

Two people are dead after what Athens police are calling an apparent murder-suicide at Fay Innovative Waste Solutions, formerly known as Fay Portables, at 401 East Avenue Wednesday afternoon. The business is at the corner of Redfern Drive. Police say that Fay employee, 52-year-old Darrell E. Hester of C.R. 570, Englewood, walked into the business and shot and killed the owner, 48-year-old Darrell R. Franklin of Sweetwater, and then shot himself. As police arrived, they heard a gunshot from inside the building. A confrontation between Hester and Franklin happened earlier in the day; Hester left the business and returned with the gun.

◆ CHEROKEES HEADING TO SUB-STATE

The McMinn County Cherokees boys team won the Region 3 Basketball Tournament in Evensville Tuesday night, defeating the Cleveland Blue Raiders by a score of 68 to 59. It was the first region title in 20 years. The Cherokees will host the Sub-State next Monday in Athens against the Region 4 runner-up. The Lady Cherokees lost in the finals of Region 3 to Bradley County. They will travel to Middle Tennessee to play in the Sub-State on Saturday evening.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that the First Amendment protects the Kansas church members who have been staging anti-gay protests outside military funerals. Chief Justice John Roberts says the First Amendment's free speech rights shield the funeral protesters. He noted that they obeyed police directions and stayed 1,000 feet from the church where the funeral was held.

◆ The U.S. Air Force says two American airmen were killed and two wounded when a gunman opened fire on their bus at the airport in Frankfurt, Germany. The gunman, a Kosovo citizen, is in custody.

◆ Opponents of Moammar Gadhafi repelled an attack by Libyan forces trying to retake a key coastal oil installation Wednesday in a battle in which shells splashed into the Mediterranean and a war-plane bombed a beach.

◆ The Senate has sent President Obama a Republican-drafted bill which trims \$4 billion from the budget and allows federal offices to remain open temporarily. Obama is calling on Congressional leaders to meet with top administration officials to discuss a longer-term measure to fund the government through Sept. 30.

◆ Tennis star Serena Williams has undergone emergency treatment after doctors discovered a blood clot in her lungs.

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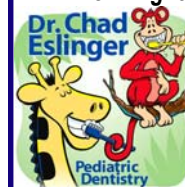
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Soaring Though The Skies

Sailplane pilots and crews from all over the U.S. will travel to the Chilhowee Gliderport north of Benton in May to compete for the title of U.S. Sports Class soaring champion and to be a member of the U.S. Soaring Team. The races require contestants to fly across the sky without an engine, reaching speeds of 45 to 170 miles per hour. The event is set for May 3-12. The photo above shows a high-performance sailplane flying over the Chilhowee Ridge.




The Honey Dewdrops, a husband and wife duet from Virginia, will perform tonight at 7 at the Gem Theater in Etowah. Admission is \$3.00. The Dewdrops have a repertoire of original folk songs.



Obituaries

Margaret Love Norwood, age 86, of Athens died Tuesday at her residence. She was a member of Alexander Keith Daughters of the American Revolution and the Heritage Quilters Guild. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Thursday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

It's Tribe Rugby time in Tennessee! McMinn County's newest sport, Rugby, will have their first home games of the season this Friday against Bearden. The Tribe girls play at 6 p.m. The Tribe boys play at 7:30 p.m. Stacie Clifton sent us this photo showing the girls playing in their match last Saturday.

17th Annual Cousin Jake Memorial Bluegrass Festival - Historic Gem Theater, Etowah Saturday, March 12th - \$15 All Day Ticket
Box Office opens 11 a.m., Music begins at 12 noon.
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THE TRADING POST

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8:45 a.m. & 4:10 p.m.

WEATHER

Thursday - Mostly sunny. High-upper 60's.

Thurs. night - Mostly cloudy. Low-mid 40's.

Friday - Mostly cloudy. 30% rain. Breezy. High-mid 60's.

More WX at: www.wyxi.com

THIS DAY IN HISTORY-MARCH 3

1831 - George Pullman, inventor of railroad cars with sleeping facilities, was born. Those sleeping cars came to be known as "Pullmans."

1847 - Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, was born in Scotland. He later moved to the U.S. and got a patent for the telephone. The first phone call came when Bell called his assistant and said, "Mr. Watson, come here. I want you." Bell had spilled some battery acid on his clothes.

1931 - "The Star Spangled Banner" became the National Anthem thanks to an act of Congress. The words were written by Francis Scott Key in 1814 as he watched the British bombardment of Fort McHenry, which protected Baltimore. During a break in the fighting, Key saw the American flag still flying over the walls of the fort and wrote a poem to express his feelings. By government permission, the U.S. flag flies 24 hours a day over Key's grave in Frederick, Maryland.

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