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STATE AND LOCAL NEWS

◆ TRIAL DATE SET IN MILLER MURDER CASE

A July 25th trial date has been set for Jessica Kennedy, the woman charged in the shooting death of Monroe County Election Commission Chairman Jim Miller. Miller's body was found in the trunk of his burning car near Sweetwater last July 17th. During a court hearing on Monday, Kennedy told Miller's widow that she did not commit the crime. Assistant District Attorney Jim Stutts says the TBI is continuing to investigate other people in connection with Miller's murder. The judge appointed Shari Young of Cleveland to be Kennedy's attorney for the upcoming trial.

◆ WHAT ARE THOSE PURPLE THINGS?

We've gotten lots of calls recently from people asking what those purple boxes are that are hanging from many trees in McMinn County. Well, they are Emerald Ash Borer traps. The U.S. Department of Agriculture is using the traps to help monitor borer infestations. The purple color attracts the beetles, which then get stuck on the sticky panels. The Emerald Ash Borers are threatening to wipe out ash trees across North America .



(Photo by Kristy Huff)

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ In Libya, rebels were turned back by government tanks and rockets as they marched toward Moammar Gadhafi's hometown of Sirte Tuesday. Some of the fleeing rebels shouted, "Sarkozy, where are you?"--a reference to the president of France who is one of the strongest supporters of international airstrikes.

◆ Syria's Cabinet resigned Tuesday in hopes of quelling a wave of unrest that erupted over a week ago and threatens President Bashar Assad's 11-year rule. Assad is trying to calm the growing dissent by lifting emergency laws that have been in place since 1963 and annulling other harsh restrictions on civil liberties and political freedoms.

◆ Japan's government vows to overhaul nuclear safety standards once its radiation-leaking reactor complex is under control. Government officials admit their safeguards were insufficient to protect the plant against the March 11th tsunami.

◆ Home prices fell in most major U.S. cities in January. In several cities, including Atlanta, Las Vegas, and Detroit, home values are at their lowest point in 11 years.

◆ Stock prices rose a bit on Tuesday. The Dow Jones industrial average closed at 12,279.01; up 81.13 points.



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House Speaker To Visit Athens

Tennessee's first female House Speaker, Beth Harwell, will visit Athens to deliver the keynote address to the McMinn County Republican Party at its annual Lincoln Day Dinner this coming Saturday, April 2nd. Speaker Harwell will be visiting the home county of Rep. Harry T. Burn, a member of the Tennessee General Assembly, who cast the tie-breaking vote to make Tennessee the 36th and final state needed to ratify the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. Now, Rep. Harwell serves as the first female Speaker of the body. Rep. Burn was part of when the deciding vote was cast. Speaker Harwell will speak at 6 p.m. Saturday at TWC.



Today is National Doctor's Day. The MEDIC Bloodmobile will be at Athens Regional Medical Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today. You can donate a pint of blood in honor of your favorite doctor. A list of donors will be made available to doctors. This would be a good chance to honor the person who cares for you by giving blood.

Obituaries

Charlotte Ann Wallis Colloms, age 59, of Englewood, died Monday at her residence. She was the church organist at the Marshall Hill Baptist Church for over 40 years. She helped establish and served on the board of Morning Star Ministries. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday at by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs.

The 9th grade class from Athens Junior High School arrived in Washington Monday evening for a week of sight-seeing. Of course, half the fun is just "getting there," as you can see from this photo aboard the bus.



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