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Monday-May 9, 2011

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ **ROBBER HITS CONG. PKWAY WALGREENS**
 A tall, young white man robbed the Walgreens at 1302 Congress Parkway South in Athens early Sunday morning. He was armed with a shotgun and took narcotics and money. He made the two female employees lie down on the floor and warned he had left a pipe bomb at the front of the store and would set it off by remote control if they got up before 20 minutes had passed. He left in a dark-colored PT Cruiser-type vehicle. No bomb was found.

◆ **YOUNG LADY CATCHES TWO PRIZE FISH!**

Claire Beasley, 9, is the biggest winner ever in the Athens Kids Fishing Derby on Saturday. Claire caught a tagged fish worth \$500. Thirty-seven minutes later, she caught another tagged fish worth \$75. (The photo shows TWRA Officer Mike Buckner, Claire Beasley, and Happy Powell who provided the \$500 prize) **Photo by Austin Fesmire**



NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Some jittery Memphis residents have begun abandoning low-lying homes as the Mississippi River threatens to crest at 48 feet on Tuesday. That would be just shy of the 48.7 foot record of a devastating 1937 flood. Downriver, Louisiana officials warn that residents can expect water 5-to-25-feet deep over parts of seven parishes.

◆ The White House national security adviser, Tom Donilon, says the material seized from Osama bin Laden's compound in Pakistan amounts to the largest cache of intelligence ever gathered from any single terrorist. He says the CIA estimates the intelligence haul to be the size of a small college library.

◆ Tennessee Highway Patrol Trooper Andy Wall, 36, died Saturday in a traffic accident in Smyrna involving three vehicles and two THP motorcycles. The troopers were escorting Air Force Thunderbird pilots to an air show when the crash occurred.

◆ Arizona Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and her astronaut husband, Mark Kelly, dined out with friends at a Houston restaurant recently...another step in her gradual recovery from gunshot wounds.

NOTE: TRIBE RUGBY from McMinn High School finished second in the state championship, losing to Sycamore, 12-5, in the finals on Sunday.

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Monday, May 9, 2011

Athens, Tennessee

ISSUES AT ATHENS POST OFFICE

An effort is underway to get the Post Office to unlock the front door to the post office building in Athens. Postal officials say the front door was closed last year because several people had fallen from the 4" step at the door. However, when postal customers walk around the front of the building to enter the side door they have to contend with curbing and 2 concrete barriers. A meeting was held in Congressman John Duncan's Athens office last week with several postal officials and local customers to try to get the front door unlocked. Postal officials said they would take the request under advisement. The photo, below left, shows the concrete barriers in the parking lot that people sometimes trip over trying to walk from the post office to the Citizens National Bank next door. The photo to the right shows the step at the now-locked front doors of the post office.



Obituaries

Dorothy "Dottie" McCulley Hogan, age 64, of Niota died last Thursday at Athens Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday.

Jewell Newman Graves, age 80, of Athens died last Thursday at Athens Regional Medical Center. She was a former employee of Athens Manufacturing Company. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Clearwater Cemetery. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

Beulah W. Harris, age 83, of Etowah died last Thursday at Woods Memorial Hospital. She worked as a seamstress from the age of 16. Funeral services were held Saturday night. Bordwine Funeral Home was in charge.

Thomas Leroy Rogers, age 89, of Etowah died Friday at Woods Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. He was retired from Johnson Controls and served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II. Funeral services here held Sunday at Bordwine Funeral Home.

Annetta Jane Cannon Bull, age 56, of Athens died Saturday. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Erwin Jesse Peterson, age 85, of Athens died last Friday at SkyRidge Medical Center. He served in the Army Air corps and Transportation Division during World War II. A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Athens Lutheran Church, with visitation from 5 to 6 p.m. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

Nance Geneva Jack, age 85, of Etowah died Sunday at McMinn Memorial Nursing Home. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7.

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY - MAY 9

1860 - The Scottish author, Sir James Matthew Barrie, was born. His most famous story was "Peter Pan."

1914 - President Woodrow Wilson signed a resolution passed by Congress requesting that the government observe a special day in honor of mothers. The next year, Congress authorized the President to proclaim Mothers day as an annual national observance.

1914 - Country singer Hank Snow was born in Canada. His biggest hits records were "I'm Movin' On," "I've Been Everywhere," and "I Don't Hurt Anymore."

1926 - U.S. Admiral Richard Byrd and Floyd Bennett became the first men to fly to the North Pole.

1942 - Singer Tommy Roe was born in Atlanta. He had several hit records in the 1960's, including "Sheila," "Sweet Pea," and "Dizzy."

1949 - Singer Billy Joel was born. Among his hits, "Just The Way You Are" and "She's Always A Woman."

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