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Tuesday-August 9, 2011

Athens, Tennessee

STATE AND LOCAL NEWS

◆ FEMA APPLICATION DEADLINE IS HERE

Today is the deadline for applying for FEMA assistance as a result of this past April's tornadoes in Southeast Tennessee. FEMA provides financial assistance for housing, personal property, medical expenses, and funeral expenses for those who qualify. So far, FEMA has awarded more than \$7.4 million in grants in Tennessee. FEMA has awarded \$133,824 in McMinn County.

◆ A WARNING FOR JOB SEEKERS

Tennessee's Division of Consumer Affairs warns job seekers to be wary of employment service firms that charge a fee to help clients find a job. The agency advises job seekers to reject any company that guarantees to get you a job. You can also call the Consumer Affairs Division at 1-800-342-8385 to see if any complaints have been filed against an employment service.

◆ WHERE'S THE BEST PLACE TO SEE BEARS?

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park has been rated by "Budget Travel" magazine as one of the 13 best places in the U.S. for wildlife viewing. The magazine says the Smokies is the best place in the nation to see black bears. Cades Cove is listed as the "perfect spot" in the park to view the bears.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ The stock market joined a sell-off around the world Monday in the first trading day since Standard & Poor's downgraded American debt. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell more than 250 points minutes after the opening bell. It was down more than 600 at one point. The Dow ended the day at 10,809.85 down 634.76. Gold, which investors traditionally buy when they want a safe investment, rose \$58.78 per ounce, to \$1,717.58.

◆ Military officials say the 30 U.S. troops and eight Afghans who died in a helicopter crash in eastern Afghanistan this past weekend were on a mission targeting a Taliban leader when an insurgent with a rocket-propelled grenade shot it down. One of those killed was Aaron Carson Vaughn, a Navy SEAL from Union City, Tennessee. It was the deadliest single loss for U.S. forces in the decade-long war.

◆ The Obama administration says it will provide qualifying states with a waiver from the No Child Left Behind law because of Congressional inaction on reforming the program.

◆ Some busy Starbucks coffee shops in New York City have started blocking electrical outlets to discourage laptop users from hogging space and to free up seats for other customers.



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Restaurant Spotlight

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11:35a, & 5:10p
Saturdays at
12:30p & 5:10p

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Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The Medic Regional Medical Center's Bloodmobile will be at Morning Pointe of Athens on Crestway Drive today from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- ✓ A football scrimmage game between McMinn Central, Tellico, and Copper Basin will be held at 7 tonight at the 8th Street field in Etowah. There is no admission charge.
- ✓ Today is the first day of classes for the Athens City Schools and Etowah City School. McMinn County Schools open tomorrow.
- ✓ An art show titled "We Don't Just Sit In Rocking Chairs" opens today at the Etowah Area Senior Citizens Center.
- ✓ The City of Athens will hold a second citizens input meeting this Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in the Training Room at the Athens Municipal Building. The purpose is to discuss Market Park Phase Two, which includes concrete walkways and a restroom facility. Phase Two will be funded by state money with local matching dollars.
- ✓ The McMinn County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting this Thursday at 7 p.m. at Mountain View Elementary School.

Obituaries

David Allan Hairris, age 48, of Etowah died Sunday at his home after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was a 1980 graduate of McMinn Central High School, where he played football. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m.

Jean Ann Carlock, age 77, of Etowah died last Saturday. Funeral services will be at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Mt. Olive A.M.E. Zion Church, with visitation at 4:30 p.m. at the church. M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

LEADERSHIP McMINN APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED

Applications for the Leadership McMinn Class of 2012 are still being accepted. The deadline for submitting applications is now this Friday, August 12th.

Leadership McMinn is a program sponsored by the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce designed to develop, train, motivate, and recognize future leadership among the citizens of McMinn County. The select group of 20 people will be introduced to people, agencies, and organizations that will educate them in various facets of life in McMinn County. The class will meet one Wednesday each month for a nine-month period.

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1945 - The United States exploded a nuclear device over Nagasaki, Japan, instantly killing an estimated 39,000 people. The bombing came three days after Hiroshima was bombed.

1963 - Singer Whitney Houston was born. Her biggest hit records include "The Greatest Love Of All" and "I Will Always Love You."

1969 - Actress Sharon Tate and four other people were found murdered in Los Angeles. Cult leader Charles Manson and a group of his followers were later convicted of the crime.

1974 - President Richard Nixon's resignation became effective at noon, and Vice President Gerald Ford was sworn in as the nation's 38th President.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY



with Jim Daly

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9:30 A.M. & 5:30 P.M.

WEATHER

Tuesday - Mostly cloudy. 60% rain. High-near 90.
Tues. night - Mostly cloudy. 40% rain. Low-upper 60's.
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