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Monday-September 19, 2011

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ DRUGS AND STOLEN PROPERTY FOUND

McMinn County detectives have discovered an assortment of drugs and possible stolen property at a residence on County Road 100. Sheriff Joe Guy says detectives had been investigating a stolen firearms case and went to the home of Ricky Thurman. They discovered an active meth lab, along with an assortment of prescription medications, cash, and a large amount of items believed to have been taken in recent burglaries. The photo shows Sheriff Guy and Detective Sgt. Tim Carver examining some of the items, including fishing rods, tools, CD's, purses, etc. Thurman and his wife, Gail, were charged with a variety of drug violations. Thurman was also charged with possession of a weapon by a felon.



◆ HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT

Keep McMinn Beautiful will hold their annual household hazardous waste event this year on Saturday, October 1st from 9a-1p at the McMinn High Football Stadium parking lot. A paint collection will be Sept. 26-30 at the Athens Recycle Center. INFO: 745-2086.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ Dominique Strauss-Kahn broke his silence four months after a New York hotel maid accused him of sexual assault, calling his encounter with the woman a "moral failing" he deeply regrets, but insisting in an interview on French television that no violence was involved.

◆ Yemeni government forces opened fire with anti-aircraft guns and automatic weapons on tens of thousands of anti-government protesters in the capital demanding ouster of their longtime ruler, killing at least 26 and wounding dozens.


◆ Sudanese twins born with the tops of their heads joined together have been separated in a rare and risky series of operations at a London children's hospital.

◆ The World War II-era plane, a P-51 Mustang, that plummeted into a Reno, Nevada air-race crowd like a missile, bore little resemblance to its original design. It was modified for speed, and not for stability. Nine people died and dozens were injured.

◆ On Tuesday, the policy known as "don't ask, don't tell" will expire. Homosexuals will then be allowed to serve openly in the U.S. Military.

◆ A strong earthquake shook northeastern India and Nepal on Sunday night, killing at least 16 people, damaging buildings and sending lawmakers in Nepal's capital running into the streets.

FOOTBALL SCORES: The McMinn Central Chargers managed their first win since 2009 by defeating the Meigs County Tigers 33 to 19. McMinn County High School defeated Ooltewah 30 to 26, and Tennessee fell to Florida 33 to 23.



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Athens, Tennessee

Ribbon Cut for New Business

Ocoee Records Management recently joined the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce. The company specializes in secure document destruction and storage services and is headquartered in Cleveland. Their phone number is 244-2213. In the photo (L-R) Diplomats Kim Gunter & Jim Bob Cucciarre; Sales Rep Mike Bullard; Owner Hunter Wood; Technician Joe Pirkle; Associate James Humphrey; Diplomat Billie Crabtree, Assistant to County Mayor Mark Cochran; Chamber President-CEO Rob Preston; Belks Plaza Merchant Association Representative Michael Hunter.



Obituaries

Donna R. Davis, age 77, of Etowah died last Thursday. She was the manager of the Uh-Oh Outlet in Etowah for many years. A graveside service will be Monday at 3:30 p.m. at the Double Springs Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Monday at Ralph Buckner Funeral Home of Etowah.

Ronald Earl Davis, age 64, of Athens, died Thursday at his home. He was a production scheduling supervisor at Mayfield Dairy Farm with 44 years of service. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at McMinn Memory gardens with Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Vivian L. Thompson, age 96, of Etowah died last Friday at Woods Memorial Hospital. She was a past president of the Etowah City School PTA. Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday at Bordwine.

James (Jay) "Peanut" Landers, age 67, of Athens, died Friday at Athens Regional Medical Center. He was a former police officer with the City of Athens, prior to his career of 30 years with Olin Chemicals. Most recently he was employed with the Englewood Water Division. Funeral services were held Sunday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

Chief Master Sgt. (Retired) Paul R. Bumgardner, age 90, of Englewood, died Saturday at McMinn Memorial Nursing Home in Etowah. He was a ball turret gunner with the Army Air Corps 449th Bomber Group during WWII and flew 50 missions; receiving the Air Medal with 7 Oak Leaf clusters. He later served 27 years in the Air Force before retiring. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday with Full Military Honors at the Chattanooga National Cemetery. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY-SEPTEMBER 19

- 1777 - American soldiers won the first Battle of Saratoga in the Revolutionary War.
- 1881 - President James Garfield died of gunshot wounds inflicted some two months earlier by a disgruntled office-seeker. Vice President Chester Arthur was sworn in as his successor.
- 1930 - Actor Adam West (Batman) was born.
- 1943 - Mama Cass Elliot was born. She was one of the Mamas in the singing group The Mamas and the Papas. Their hits included "Monday, Monday," and "Dream A Little Dream of Me." She died of a heart attack at the age of 32. (Despite rumors, she did not choke to death on a ham sandwich)
- 1957 - The United States conducted its first underground nuclear test, in the Nevada desert.
- 1970 - The Mary Tyler Moore Show debuted on CBS.
- 2002 - President George W. Bush asked Congress for authority to use military force if necessary to disarm and overthrow Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

WEATHER

Monday - Mostly cloudy.
30% rain. High-upper 70's.
Mon. night - Mostly cloudy.
30% rain. Low-near 60.
Tuesday - Partly cloudy. 20%
rain. High-mid 80's.
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