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Local & State News

◆ **MCMINN EMS WORKERS SAVE TROOPER**
 EMS workers with AMR in Athens are credited with saving the life of a Tennessee State Trooper. Sergeant Lowell Russell of Vonore was sitting in his patrol car finishing paperwork after a traffic stop on Interstate 40 in Knoxville early Tuesday when a tractor-trailer struck his car, causing it to catch fire. The AMR ambulance crew was returning to McMinn County after dropping off a patient at UT Medical Center when they saw the wreck and stopped to help. Fred Leslie cut Sergeant Russell's seat belt, got him out of the burning car, and he and his partner, Kristi Graham, performed CPR while ammunition and flares in the burning patrol car were exploding. Russell is hospitalized in critical condition. Leslie was treated for burns to his hand.

◆ **CHILD DIES FROM WRECK INJURIES**
 A Sunday morning traffic crash in Meigs County has claimed the life of Jonathan Wyatt Henry, age 2. The little boy died Monday from his injuries. He was thrown from a car that wrecked on Highway 58 near Highway 68 on Sunday. Troopers say the car ran into a concrete bridge railing. The driver and other occupant of the car were not injured.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

- ◆ Senator Rick Santorum won the Alabama Republican Primary with 35% of the vote; Newt Gingrich placed second with 30%; Mitt Romney got 29%; Ron Paul received 6%. In Mississippi the race was tighter: Santorum won at 33%; Gingrich had 32%; Romney had 30%; while Paul received 5%. At Fax-Time, polls in Hawaii had not closed. Santorum said in a speech given in Louisiana that he was headed to Puerto Rico, cause every "delegate counts".
- ◆ Stock prices rose on Tuesday following a good report on retail sales. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 217.97 at 13,177.68.
- ◆ A new study in the Archives of Internal Medicine says eating processed red meat daily can increase a person's risk of dying young by up to 20%. The research done by Harvard University experts says substituting fish, poultry, and nuts may lower early death risk.
- ◆ A 6-year-old Virginia girl will be the youngest contestant ever in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in June. Lori Anne Madison won a regional competition by spelling "vaquero," a word of Spanish origin meaning cowboy.
- ◆ If you're planning a road trip this summer, you may want to avoid St. Louis, Dallas, and Houston. Men's Health magazine says those three cities have the most dangerous drivers in the nation.

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Wednesday, March 14, 2012

Athens, Tennessee

Another Joint Approach Session

The staff at Athens Regional Medical Center has created a comprehensive education program for patients planning or considering elective joint replacement surgery. The Joint Approach workshops guide you through the entire process from pre-surgery readiness to post-surgery rehabilitation. The next session will be Monday, March 19th, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Physicians Dining Room. The workshop is free, but pre-registration is required. Call 744-3363.



Margie Brusseau
Administration



Karen Morrow
Surgery



Liddia Lewis
Pre-Admission



Michelle Crafton
Physical Therapy

The photos show the leaders of the Joint Approach workshop.



Tiffany Williams
Post-Op Nursing

Obituaries

Edith Jane Walker Peck, age 90, of Athens died Saturday at Wellington Place of Athens. She was an LPN in Medina, Ohio, for 35 years. After moving to Athens, she was active in the Red Cross. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church, with visitation at 10 a.m. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

Della Robertson Vaughn Carpenter, age 89, of Athens died Sunday at Athens Regional Medical Center. She was the oldest member of Union Grove Baptist Church in Decatur. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Clara Marie "Peggy" Dennis, age 77, of Athens died Monday at Life Care Center of Athens. She was retired from Proffitt's Department Store. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in McMinn Memory Gardens, with visitation from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home.

Evelyn Faye Cantrell Chambers, 56, of Englewood died Monday at her home. She worked for the McMinn County Finance Department. A memorial service will be at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

B. Dale Tallent, age 65, of Etowah, died Monday at U.T. Medical Center. He was retired from Bowater and was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in the U.S. Army. Funeral services will be Thursday, March 15, at 8:00 p.m. in the South Chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. prior to the service.

NOTE: The McMinn/Meigs Agriculture Roundtable will be held Thursday at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's of Athens. The guest speaker will be Shawn Lindsey, the Athens Public Works Department director. He'll be sharing about the People's Garden.

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