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State & Local News

◆ MAN CHARGED WITH SEXUAL BATTERY

McMinn County Sheriff Joe Guy says a Calhoun man, 18-year-old William Austin Rowland (left), has been arrested on sexual battery charges. Rowland was indicted by the McMinn County Grand Jury following allegations that he assaulted a 10-year-old boy during a sleep-over last November. Guy says Rowland fled to Georgia in a stolen vehicle, where he was arrested on theft charges and extradited back to McMinn County.



◆ ATHENS ATTORNEY FACES SUSPENSION

An Athens attorney has been suspended for one year after having an affair with a woman he was representing in a divorce. A news release from the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee also says attorney Lance Parr forged a client's signature to a document, notarized the signature, and submitted the document to the court.

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NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Former President George H.W. Bush will formally endorse Mitt Romney's bid for the Republican presidential nomination today. The former president says Romney is the "best choice" in the race.

◆ Newt Gingrich plans to continue his presidential campaign, but he'll be making do with a much leaner staff. One-third of his staff has been let go.

◆ A new Reuters poll finds that 68% of Americans "disapprove" of the way President Obama is dealing with gasoline prices which are nearing \$4 per gallon. They say they are frustrated with the president's "handling" of the situation.

◆ There's been another incident aboard an airplane. A female passenger on a US Airways flight from Charlotte, North Carolina, to Fort Myers, Florida, was arrested after attacking crew members. The woman kicked, spit on, and cursed a flight attendant after the crew member refused to serve her alcohol. An off-duty deputy aboard the flight wrestled her to the floor.

◆ Supreme Court justices are divided over whether all, some, or none of President Obama's health law should stand if the individual mandate--the requirement that everyone buy health insurance--is struck down. Chief Justice John Roberts wondered "where is the sharp line" to draw in determining what to keep and what to exclude.

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Obituaries

Audrey Dean Gore Goins, age 48, of Englewood died last Sunday at Woods Memorial Hospital. There will be no formal service, but the family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday (note the time change) at Bordwine Funeral Home.

Janie Louise Webb Baxter, age 74, of Athens died Tuesday at Athens Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

Geneva Hamby died Wednesday at UT Medical Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.

Oneda Smith, age 91, of Smyrna (and formerly of Athens) died Wednesday. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Ziegler Funeral Home.

Earl Scruggs, age 88, died Wednesday morning in a Nashville Hospital of natural causes. Scruggs developed the "3 finger method" of banjo playing and was known world wide. He toured with bluegrass pioneer Bill Monroe in the 1940's and later with Lester Flatt. Scruggs appeared several times in Etowah at the Cousin Jake Memorial Bluegrass Festival, to honor Jake Tullock, a late member of the Flatt & Scruggs band. The photo of Scruggs was taken on March 8, 2008 at the Gem Theater in Etowah.



Graduation Day for D.A.R.E.

It was graduation day at Riceville Elementary School Tuesday evening. Seventy-five 5th graders took part in a D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony. The McMinn County Sheriff's Office offers the semester-long class which teaches students about problem solving and drug prevention. The program is being taught in seven McMinn County Schools. More than 500 5th graders will graduate this semester. In the photo, Officer Adam Cook, D.A.R.E. graduate Destiny Ricker, and Sheriff Joe Guy.



◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The MEDIC Regional Blood Center's Bloodmobile will be at Athens Regional Medical Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today.
- ✓ A Boot Camp for New Dads will be held the second Saturday of each month from June through December at the UT Extension Office, 107 W. College St., Athens. Call 745-2852 for details.

WEATHER

Thurs. - Mostly sunny. 20% p.m. rain. Highs around 80.
Thurs. night - Mostly cloudy. 30% rain. Low 55 to 58.
Friday - Partly cloudy. 60% rain. High-near 80.
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