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Tuesday-May 22, 2012

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ McMINN MAN INDICTED FOR CHILD RAPE

Vernon Dale Wilson, 52, of Athens has been charged with two counts of aggravated sexual and one count of rape of a child. Sheriff Joe Guy says an investigation revealed that Wilson committed multiple offenses against a boy over the course of several years while the boy was between the ages of 7 and 10. The offenses were all related to Wilson baby sitting the boy.

Sheriff Guy says Wilson confessed to the incidents. The victim, who is now 12, is currently in state custody. Wilson was arrested on the indictments and booked into the McMinn County Justice Center with a \$30,000 bond. He will face arraignment in McMinn Criminal Court on June 4th.

◆ NEW DETAILS ON JIM MILLER'S DEATH

Newly-filed court documents say Monroe County Election Commission Chairman Jim Miller was killed at a house, not at the location where his body was found in the trunk of his burning car, in July of 2010. Assistant District Attorney Jim Stutts says the only defendant in the case so far, Jessica Kennedy, has re-enacted the crime for investigators at a yellow house on Creek Road. He says the state will prove to the jury that Miller was killed the afternoon of July 17, 2010.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ A suicide bomber posing as a member of the Yemeni military blew himself up in the middle of an army battalion on Monday, killing at least 96 people and wounding hundreds more. The soldiers were rehearsing for a military parade in the capital city.

◆ Investors focused on hopeful signs about China's economy on Monday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 135.10 at 12,504.48.

◆ Robin Gibb, one of the Bee Gee's, has died of liver cancer at the age of 62.

◆ Darius McDermott of Athens faces charges of evading arrest, reckless endangerment, and driving on a revoked license after leading Etowah police on a chase. McDermott wrecked his motorcycle on County Road 561 when he tried to pass a truck on a curve.

He was thrown over a fence and tried to run before being chased down by Etowah police. Etowah officers initially clocked him at 70 mph in a 20 mph zone at Woods Hospital. (Photo by Jay Thomson)



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WEATHER

Tuesday - Partly sunny, 30% chance of showers. High 82.
Tuesday night - Mostly cloudy. Lows in upper 50's.
Wednesday - Mostly sunny. Chance of showers. Low 80's.
More Weather & Zoom Radar at: www.wycli.com

Athens, Tennessee

Scenes from MooFest 2012



Karen Kelly with the Athens Chamber sent us these photos from last Saturday's MooFest, including The Three Tenors and Maggie the Cow.

Who's New In Pink & Blue?

Alyssa Michelle Dunn was born May 18th at Athens Regional Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds and 11 ounces and was 20 inches long. Her parents are Melanie Murphy and Cody Dunn of Athens.

Brinleigh Faith was born May 17th at ARMC. She weighed 8 pounds and was 19¾ inches long. Her mother is Lakeshia Clark of Athens.

Caylee Rose was born May 14th at ARMC. She weighed 7 pounds and 15 ounces and was 19¾ inches long. Her mother is Kim Neil of Athens.

Cleveland Officer Dies in Crash

The Cleveland Police Department is dealing with the tragic death of one of its officers. Officer Justin Maples, 34, died Sunday night when his patrol car slammed into a utility pole in front of the Holiday Motel on South Lee Highway in Cleveland. Police Chief Wes Snyder says Officer Maples was in pursuit of a Jeep that had been reported stolen when he wrecked. Maples had been on the Cleveland police force for seven years and was a member of their SWAT Team. Authorities say the last time a Cleveland officer was killed on duty was in 1955.

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY-May 22

1813 - German composer Richard Wagner was born. He wrote the Processional Wedding March (better known as "Here Comes the Bride").

1859 - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of Sherlock Holmes, was born.

1861 - In what is generally regarded as the first Union combat fatality of the Civil War, Pvt. Thornsby Bailey Brown was shot and killed by a Confederate soldier at Fetterman Bridge in present-day West Virginia.

1907 - Actor Sir Laurence Olivier was born.

1937 - Musician Kenny Ball was born. His group's biggest hit was "Midnight In Moscow."

1939 - The foreign ministers of Germany and Italy signed a "Pact of Steel" committing the two countries to a military alliance.

1992 - Johnny Carson hosted NBC's "Tonight Show" for the last time after nearly 30 years in the job.