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Vacation Bible School

May 27-May 31 6-8:30p.m.

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Friday-May 25, 2012

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ METAL THIEVES GET DESPERATE

With the price of metal on the increase, thieves are stealing metal wherever they can find it. Thieves in McMinn County recently stole the entire tin roof off a country home while the owner was away. Jerry Simpson says the thieves unscrewed the tin from the roof. He says his tin could be anywhere by now, probably on somebody else's roof.

◆ JOBLESS RATE DROPS IN APRIL

The unemployment figures for April have been released and they show the jobless rate in McMinn County stood at 9.2%. That's down from 9.7% in March. In Monroe County, the unemployment rate dropped sharply in April, standing at 10.1%. That was down from 11.4% in March. The Meigs County unemployment rate in April was 10%, unchanged from the March rate.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Don't bother looking at the skies this Memorial Day weekend. The annual Swift Fly-In which has been held the weekend before Memorial Day for many years will not take place at the McMinn County Airport this year. Instead, the fly-in will be held in St. Louis, Missouri. In years past, the fly-in has featured air shows, and more than 100 pilots have flown their 1940's-vintage single-engine planes to McMinn County from all over North America.

✓ Fairview Christian Academy's graduation ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. Friday.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ The Times-Picayune, which won a Pulitzer Prize for its coverage of Hurricane Katrina, has announced it plans to cut its publication to just three days a week. That effectively leaves New Orleans without a daily newspaper. The paper says it will focus, instead, on its Website.

◆ Government weather forecasters predict the 2012 Atlantic hurricane season will be "near normal" with nine to 15 tropical storms. One to three of those are predicted to grow into "major" hurricanes of Category 3 or higher.

◆ Country singer Tim McGraw will be saluting veterans in a big way while on tour this summer. McGraw will give away 25 mortgage-free houses—one for each stop on his upcoming tour. The houses will be given to wounded or needy veterans. McGraw will kick off the campaign with a Memorial Day concert in New York City.

◆ The 24-year-old Georgia college student who is battling a rare flesh-eating bacterial infection is now able to sit in a chair for several hours at a time. Aimee Copeland contracted the infection after being injured in a zip-line accident. Surgeons have amputated her feet and hands and she remains in critical condition.

◆ There are smoke-free bars, smoke-free parks, even smoke-free college campuses. But a smoke-free country? New Zealand's government has announced a 40% hike in tobacco taxes aimed at bringing the nation closer to a recent pledge to snuff out the habit entirely by 2025. By 2016, cigarettes will cost \$15 a pack.



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Athens, Tennessee

Church News & Events

- Pope Ave. Baptist Church in Athens will have two nights of Southern Gospel singing this weekend. Appointed Quartet and Dayspring Trio from Georgia will sing tonight. Brian Free and Assurance and Restored Trio sing tomorrow night. Food will be available and a love offering will be taken. The kitchen opens at 5 p.m. and the singing starts at 6 p.m. each evening.
- The Double Springs Baptist Church Vacation Bible School kicks off this Sunday at 5 p.m. with a snack supper. VBS will be held nightly at 6 p.m. through May 31st. Classes for all ages, with adult classes beginning at 7 p.m.
- Women at the Well will conduct the service at Walnut Grove Baptist Church in Meigs County this Sunday at 11 a.m.
- Women at the Well will conduct the service at East Athens Baptist Church this Sunday at 7 p.m.
- Delano Baptist Church in Delano invites you to their annual Homecoming Celebration and Fellowship Meal this Sunday beginning at 10:45 a.m.
- Archie Smart from Freedman Chapel Cumberland Presbyterian will speak at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Cooke Ministry Center.

NOTE: Ruby Tuesday will donate 20% of your meal purchase to the McMinn Regional Humane Society at the Athens location today through Sunday.

Who's New In Pink & Blue?

Kayden Herman Fox was born May 20th at Athens Regional Medical Center. He weighed 5 pounds and 11 ounces and was 19 inches long. His mother is Jessica Fox of Englewood.

Obituaries

Allene M. Sykes, age 90, of Athens died May 6th at her home. She served as business manager for the Daily Post-Athenian for many years. A memorial service will be held at noon tomorrow at St. Mary Catholic Church, with the family to receive friends following the service. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

Jimmy Simbeck, age 78, of Athens died Wednesday at Parkwest. He was a former TVA nuclear operator. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Mary Catholic Church with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

THP Gears Up For Holiday

The Tennessee Highway Patrol will step up efforts to enforce seat belt usage over the Memorial Day holiday weekend. Nineteen people were killed over the 2011 Memorial Day holiday period, and 50% of the victims were not buckled up.

The THP will hold drivers license checkpoints in Meigs County Friday evening at Highway 304 and Pleasure Island and in McMinn County Saturday evening at County Road 750 and County Road 660. Troopers will hold a sobriety check point on U.S. 411 at the Monroe/Loudon County line Saturday night.



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