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State & Local News

◆ "HAMMING IT UP" IN THE PARK

The McMinn County Amateur Radio Club will participate in the National Field Day this weekend. Members of the local club will operate their radios using generators and battery power at the Athens Regional Park's Lake Pavilion for 24 hours starting at 2 p.m. Saturday. The public is invited to stop by and learn how "HAM" radio operators are able to provide supplemental communications during emergency situations. You'll also learn how you could become a "HAM" radio operator.

◆ ATHENS POLICE & FIRE REPORT

~ Athens Police Chief Chuck Ziegler's report to the City Council shows there were 83 thefts, 22 burglaries, and two armed robberies in the city in the month of May. There were also four sex offenses and three motor vehicle thefts. Police officers issued 713 citations for moving violations. There were 48 vehicle accidents in May, with 23 injuries.

~ Athens Fire Chief Jim Dyer reported that Athens firefighters responded to 35 calls in May. Ten of the calls were to vehicle accidents, nine were false alarms, and three were to residential fires. The total loss for the month was \$3,000.

National News

◆ The Federal Reserve says it will maintain the pace of its bond-buying program to keep long-term interest rates at record lows, and it offered a more optimistic outlook for the U.S. economy and job market.

◆ According to an analysis by the Congressional Budget Office, illegal immigration into the United States would decrease by only 25 percent under a Senate immigration bill that also finds the measure reduces federal deficits by billions. The CBO report also found that the bill does not come close to ending illegal immigration, and some aspects of the bill would actually make the problem worse.

◆ Men's Wearhouse has fired its executive chairman, George Zimmer, 64, who appeared in many of its TV commercials with the slogan "You're going to like the way you look. I guarantee it."

More Local News

◆ ARREST MADE IN JIFFY ROBBERIES

The man suspected of robbing two Jiffy markets in Athens earlier this month has been arrested. Josh Moses of Athens turned himself in to Athens police and admitted he had robbed the Jiffy markets on South White Street and South Congress Parkway. He also confessed to robbing a tobacco store in Madisonville.



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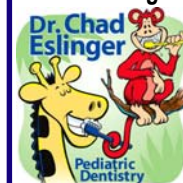
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State and Local News

◆ WOMAN HURT WHEN VEHICLE HITS CVS

An employee of the CVS Drug Store on Green Street in downtown Athens was taken to Athens Regional Medical Center Wednesday morning after a vehicle ran into the building. Athens police say Elizabeth Grater of Athens, pulled into the parking lot and accidentally pushed the gas pedal instead of the emergency brake. Her vehicle struck the brick façade on the side of the building. The impact caused a shelf inside the store to fall onto an employee. The employee, identified as Aveline Rogers, was taken to the hospital. Mrs. Grater was not injured. The CVS was closed for the rest of the day, except for the pharmacy drive-thru window.



Obituaries

Shirley Goins, age 65, of Madisonville (and formerly of Athens) died Monday at UT Medical Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah.

Naomi Beam Poe, age 91, of Athens died last Saturday. She had been a school teacher in Michigan. Burial will be in Ohio. Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of local arrangements.

Dale L. Strong, age 76, a native of Flint, Michigan and longtime resident of Etowah died Tuesday at Woods Memorial Hospital. Visitation will be from 9:30 - 11 a.m. Thursday at Smith Funeral home. A private interment will be held in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Thomas Arnold Wasdin, age 88, of Green Cove Springs, Florida died June 13 in Florida. Local survivors are Dianne & Allen Cook of Englewood. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 6-8 p.m. at Bordwine.

Singer Slim Whitman has died in Florida at the age of 90. Whitman was known for his yodeling and had such hit records in the 1950's as "Indian Love Call," "Secret Love," and "Rose-Marie."



◆ **2013 PTSD AWARENESS WALK:** The 2013 Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Walk will be Friday, June 21st from 9 a.m. - 12 Noon. Registration begins at 9 a.m. at Athens Market Park Pavilion and the walk will start at 10:15 a.m. The walking route will be from the Market Park Pavilion through Veterans Park. Light refreshments will be served after the walk.

TODAY IN HISTORY - June 20

1863 - West Virginia became the 35th state. It was originally part of Virginia, which had seceded from the Union during the Civil War. The western counties in Virginia supported the North and declared their independence from Virginia. Eventually, they became West Virginia.

1867 - The U.S. purchased the territory of Alaska from Russia for \$7 million, or about 2¢ per acre.

1924 - Certified Guitar Picker Chet Atkins was born.

1939 - W2XBS (later WCBS-TV) in New York City televised the first TV operetta. *Pirates of Penzance*, composed by Gilbert and Sullivan, was presented to a very small viewing audience. Television was a new, experimental medium at the time.

1977 - Oil began flowing through the 789-mile-long Alaska pipeline.

2001 - Andrea Yates drowned her five children, who ranged in age from 6 months to 7 years, in the bathtub in her family's home in Houston.

Restaurant Inspection Scores

The following restaurants in Decatur and Englewood were inspected between Feb. 7 and April 18. A score of 70 and above is passing.

Subway, Decatur - 100

Subway, Englewood - 95

Tellico Junction Restaurant, Englewood - 94

Main Street Cafe, Englewood - 91

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