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Monday-June 24, 2013

Athens, Tennessee

Local and State News

◆ HAMS FINE-TUNE THEIR SKILLS

Members of the McMinn County Amateur Radio Club took part in the National Field Day this past weekend. The "hams" operated their radio equipment on battery and generator power for 24 hours from the Lake Pavilion at the Athens Regional Park, making contact with other ham radio operators around the nation. Club President Phil Prichard says the club's members help provide communication for the annual Athens Christmas Parade, the Veterans Day Parade, and the Angie Grubb benefit fun. They also provide supplemental communications during severe weather situations. (The photo shows Athens City Councilman Chuck Burris at the controls)



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NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Edward Snowden, the former U.S. security contractor who leaked details about U.S. surveillance activities to the news media, has flown from Hong Kong to Moscow. He's expected to fly to Cuba today and then go on to Venezuela. He was allowed to leave Hong Kong because a U.S. request to have him arrested did not comply with the law.

◆ The National Transportation Safety Board says it may take months before the cause of a crash at an air show near Dayton, Ohio, on Saturday is known. The crash killed pilot Charlie Schwenker and wing walker Jane Wicker. The plane crashed suddenly in front of spectators and burst into flames.

◆ Opening statements in the trial of George Zimmerman begin today in Florida. Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch volunteer, is accused of murdering Trayvon Martin during a confrontation last year. Zimmerman claims self-defense. The judge has ruled that testimony from audio experts about who was heard screaming in a 911 call moments before the shooting will not be allowed.

◆ There's a new look to the skyline in Pigeon Forge. A 200-foot-tall Ferris Wheel called the Great Smoky Mountain Wheel opened for business last week. It's located in "The Island In Pigeon Forge."

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Sockhill Motorcycle Run
Saturday, June 29
10am-1:30pm
Call 507-5128 for more info.

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"Best of the Best" Honored

Around 300 people attended the annual "Best of the Best" awards ceremony held at Woodward Avenue Church of God last week.



Each year, the Daily Post-Athenian invites readers to submit nominations for the best of the best in dozens of categories, including best place to buy a car, best place to buy pizza, best nurse, best bank teller, and even best radio announcer.

Again this year, WYXI Radio's Bob Ketchersid won the award for the best radio announcer. Bob is also an editor of The Morning Fax. WYXI Radio announcers have been chosen "Best of the Best" for 13 years.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The McMinn County SETHRA office will distribute USDA commodities in McMinn County this Thursday, June 27th, at the National Guard Armory. You should bring your commodity sheets.
- ✓ The McMinn County Board of Education will meet in a workshop session at 5:30 p.m. today to review the board's self-evaluation with the Tennessee School Boards Association's attorney. The meeting will be at the McMinn County Center for Educational Excellence.

Obituaries

Nancy Cantrell Dender, age 84, of Etowah died last Thursday at NHC Healthcare of Athens. She was the wife of Judge William Dender, Sr. She was a founding member of the Etowah Arts Commission and served on the Tennessee Arts Commission for six years. She was a founding member of Save Our Depot, which restored the L&N Depot, and she was instrumental with the Tennessee Overhill effort. A Celebration of Life Service will held at 2 p.m. Monday at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home.

Jerry R. Davis, age 63, of Riceville, died last Thursday at Parkwest Medical Center. He was associated with TVA as a Public Safety Officer for 32 years. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 29th, at Christ Community Church in Athens. Smith Funeral and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

◆ THIS IS STORM CLEAN UP WEEK

Due to recent storms, many Athens residents have had storm and flood damage to their property. The Athens Public Works Department's crews will work in full force this week to collect all the extra debris left behind by the storms. Please place the items curbside. These pickups are for storm debris and flood damaged property only. Tires and normal building/remodeling materials will not be picked up.

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TODAY IN HISTORY - JUNE 24

1541 - Spanish conquistador Francisco de Orellana, the first European to sail down Brazil's Amazon River, fought a famous battle with warrior women. The women were described as tall with long braided hair wound around their heads. They resembled the fighting women of ancient Greek legend, the Amazons, so much that the river where the battle took place has been called the Amazon ever since.

1895 - Heavyweight boxing champ Jack Demsey was born.

1948 - Russia blockaded the western zones of Berlin, obstructing all rail, water, and highway routes. This set the stage for the "Berlin Airlift," in which the Western allies flew in supplies to meet the needs of more than 2-million people in West Berlin.

1975 - An Eastern Airlines Boeing 727 crashed at New York's Kennedy International Airport, killing 114.