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Monday-October 21, 2013

Athens, Tennessee

Local and State News

◆ ATTEMPTED MURDER & ARSON CHARGES FILED

A Riceville man has been charged with attempted first degree murder after he allegedly attempted to burn a neighbor's house early Friday morning. Firefighters responded to a car on fire inside the garage of a family at 140 County Road 146 around 3 a.m. Friday. The fire was extinguished and an investigation of the cause was launched. The family was at home at the time. Sheriff Joe Guy said that the family had been experiencing problems with a neighbor over the past few months. Charles A. Jones (see photo) had repeatedly stalked and harassed the family. A few weeks ago, an order of protection against Jones was issued to him by the court. Sheriff Guy says that officers interviewed Jones and he admitted trying to burn the family's car and house. Jones has now been charged with attempted first degree murder, stalking, arson, and violation of an order of protection.



NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ The two convicted killers serving life sentences, that were released from a Florida jail, are back in police custody. Authorities are trying to find who made the phony court documents that led to the mistaken inmate releases.
- ◆ Despite a labor strike keeping trains out of service, two workers inspecting the tracks of a San Francisco Bay Area transit system were hit and killed by a train returning from a routine maintenance trip.
- ◆ The President is expected to address the nation today about the new Obamacare Health Insurance website that has been full of technical problems. Administration officials now admit that only 476,000 applications have been filed through the online system.
- ◆ Many homeowners who got slammed by Superstorm Sandy are finding their flood insurance checks are nowhere near large enough to cover their repairs, and consumer advocates put some of the blame on errors by the multitude of adjusters who were hired in a hurry after the disaster.
- ◆ Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell has said his party is focused on securing more congressional seats in the 2014 midterm elections and the White House in 2016. McConnell said that's the best way to get rid of Obamacare, not shutting down the government.

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WEATHER

Monday - Sunny and mild. High-near 70.

Monday night - Mostly cloudy and cool. Low-in the mid 40's.

Tuesday - Partly sunny. High-in the mid 60's.

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House Speaker Visits McMinn

Tennessee's first female Speaker of the House of Representatives was the special guest of the McMinn County Republican Women's Club annual Reagan Day Dinner, which was held last Thursday evening at Central High School. Speaker Harwell contrasted the Reagan Administration to that of the Obama Administration, noting that the State of Tennessee has followed the Reagan pattern over recent years by balancing its budget, lowering taxes, putting away more cash into its "rainy day" account, and eliminating many regulations and out of date laws.



Speaker Beth Harwell

Speaker Harwell says that the federal government does not understand the limited role it is supposed to have which has caused the feds to get involved in things that the founders never intended. An award was also presented to Mary Louise McKeehan for her many years of service to the club, which is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. You can download or listen to the Harwell speech by clicking [HERE](#).

Obituaries

Rosalyn Rita Cline, age 81, of Athens died last Thursday at her home. Graveside services were held Sunday afternoon. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home was in charge.

Danny Bivens, age 59, of Athens died last Thursday at Athens Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah.

Willie Beniford Jackson, age 61, of Etowah died last Wednesday at Erlanger. He retired this year from the McMinn County Highway Department and, prior to that, was a marksman for the Cincinnati Reds Baseball Club. Services were held Sunday afternoon at Serenity Funeral Home.

Harold Ralph Cook, age 78, of Cleveland, died Thursday at his home. He was retired from Ryder Truck Rentals. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Samuel Richard Kyker, age 84, of Athens, died Saturday morning at his home. He was retired from Bowater after 37 years of service. A funeral service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

◆ WEEKEND FOOTBALL SCORES:

The Big Orange stunned visiting South Carolina Saturday, defeating the 11th ranked team 23-21. It was the first victory over a ranked team for the Vols since 2009. MCHS 28 Bradley Central 8; Central 20 Loudon 17; Midway 15 Meigs Co. 14; Polk Co. 41 Sweetwater 13; Cleveland 48 Walker Valley 14.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY-Oct. 21

1805 - In one of history's greatest naval battles, the British fleet under Admiral Horatio Nelson defeated the combined French-Spanish fleet at the western entrance of the Gibraltar Strait. Admiral Nelson was killed in the battle.

1833 - Swedish chemist and industrialist Alfred Nobel was born in Stockholm. He invented dynamite. He also originated the annual prizes which still bear his name.

1875 - Due to a paper shortage, the editor of a newspaper in Australia bought all the handkerchiefs he could find and printed his newspaper on the hankies.

1879 - Thomas Edison invented a workable electric light at his laboratory in Menlo Park, N.J.

1973 - An embargo by Arab oil-producing states on all petroleum exports bound for the United States became total when Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, and Dubai announced they had cut off all shipments of oil to the U.S.

BUSINESS NEWS YOU CAN USE

Meet Jaran Miller of Miller's Music. Jaran is 18 and is a graduate of Gateway Christian School. Jaran recently launched his own business tuning and repairing pianos. He learned the trade from his father, Verlon Miller, who is also the Pastor of the Well-springs Mennonite Church of McMinn County. You can reach Jaran at 423-368-6116.



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