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Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ HOSPITALS TO GET NEW NAMES

Athens Regional Medical Center and Woods Memorial Hospital will soon have a new name. The two hospitals merged a few months ago after LifePoint Hospitals purchased Woods. LifePoint already owned Athens Regional. Effective December 1st, the hospitals will be known as Starr Regional Medical Center Athens and Starr Regional Medical Center Etowah.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ Athens Community Theatre will be holding auditions for their upcoming musical production of *Into the Woods* this Sunday, October 27th, at 2 p.m. and Monday, October 28th, at 7 p.m. at The Arts Center in Athens. Needed is a cast of approximately 20 singers and actors ranging in age from older teens through adults of all ages. The show dates are February 13-23, 2014. For more information, call 745-8781.

✓ Dr. Nathan Trentham will present an informative program about Pancreatic Cancer at the Athens Regional Medical Center's Wellness breakfast this Thursday, October 24th, at 9 a.m. in the Physicians Dining Room. There is no cost to attend and a light breakfast will be provided. Call Blake McCaslin at 744-3269 to register.

✓ The Friends of the Etowah Carnegie Library will celebrate National Friends of the Library Week tomorrow at 6 p.m. with a Family Halloween Spooktacular. There will be a costume contest, games, food and more. Admission is free and the community is invited to attend.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Three people were killed Tuesday when a medical helicopter crashed and burned in a field near Somerville in West Tennessee. The helicopter was operated by Hospital Wing. The pilot, a nurse, and a respiratory therapist died. No patients were on board. The nurse was identified as Carrie Moore Barlow, RN, age 43. She was a former resident of Athens and had lived here with her parents, Jackie & Kay Moore, in the late 1980's. Carrie (see photo) was a former student at Fairview Christian Academy of Athens. She is survived by her husband, Keith, and three children. Photo from Le Bonheur Children's Hospital of Memphis.



◆ Some programmers building the new Obamacare health insurance website are growing increasingly stressed. Some programmers have had to rewrite the computer code over and over to meet what they considered last-minute requests for changes from the government or other contractors.

◆ A dim view of the U.S. job market has emerged with a report that employers cut back on hiring in September just before a partial government shutdown began.

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Athens, Tennessee

The Bluebirds Land In Athens

In case you missed them, a group of Bluebird owners drove their RV's to Athens last weekend. The owners of the "vintage birds" toured the Living Heritage Museum and were led on a walking tour by Sheriff Joe Guy. They over-nighted at the Athens Regional Park. Some of the Bluebirds are shown below. (Photo by Bruce Hari)



Obituaries

Donald E. Weir, age 84, of Athens died Tuesday at NHC. He was a well-known educator. He began his teaching career at McMinn County High School in 1954. He was Assistant Principal at MCHS and later became the Principal. He became Principal of Athens Junior High School in 1966 and served there until his retirement in 1991. He also served in the Tennessee National Guard for 9 years. A funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Smith.

Harry A. Ward, age 69, of Cleveland died Sunday at a hospital in Sewanee, TN. He was a former resident of Athens and had worked at Southern United Bank of Etowah, Gray-Epperson Ford, and J. Ben Forrest Furniture. He served in the Army during the Vietnam War. There will be no formal visitation or service. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

TWC STUDENTS PRESENT PAPERS AT LEE

Three Tennessee Wesleyan College students recently presented scholarly papers at Lee University's annual Literary Symposium. They are Brianna Cash, Miranda Duncan, and Koltin Thompson. All three are members of TWC's English Honor Society.



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1707 - The Parliament of Great Britain, created by the Acts of Union between England and Scotland, held its first meeting.

1906 - Gertrude Ederle (1924 Olympic swimming medalist) was born. She was the first woman to swim the English Channel.

1925 - Comedian and talk show host Johnny Carson was born in Corning, Iowa.

1930 - The first miniature golf tournament was held in Chattanooga. Over 200 golfers participated from all 48 states. The grand prize was \$2000. "Tom Thumb" golf got its start on Lookout Mountain back in 1927.

1940 - Soccer star Pelé was born in Brazil. He scored more than 1,000 goals in world-class soccer.

1943 - Barbara Ann Hawkins, a member of the Dixie Cups, was born. Their biggest hit was "Chapel Of Love."

1956 - An anti-Stalinist revolt began in Hungary.

1959 - Musical satirist "Weird" Al Yankovic was born.

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Wednesday - Mostly sunny.
High - mid to upper 50's.

Wednesday night - Mostly clear. Low - mid 30's.

Thursday - Mostly sunny. Areas of frost in A.M. High - upper 50's to lower 60's.

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