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Tuesday, May 5, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

State and Local News

◆ MONROE COUNTY SRO FIRED OVER PRANK

Monroe County Sheriff Tommy Jones has fired School Resource Officer James Fisher for his involvement with a high school prank. The firing came two days after seniors at Sequoyah High School trashed the hallways in a senior prank. School security video showed Deputy Fisher opening up the school and helping the students carry items inside. Sheriff Jones says when the incident was first reported, Fisher gave a false report about what happened. Sheriff Jones says shaving cream was smeared on the school walls, hay was scattered throughout the building, podiums were broken, and dead animals were hung in the hallway. School officials estimate about 100 students were involved in the "prank".

◆ AT LONG LAST, HIGHWAY 30 EAST IS OPEN

The long-awaited opening of the new four-lane highway from Athens to Etowah has finally arrived. Construction crews removed the final traffic cones from the last stretch of the highway near Etowah Monday morning. Motorists can now travel Highway 30 using four lanes all the way from Etowah to Decatur. Due to weather and other problems, the finish date was delayed several times. But the highway is now open.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Just hours after former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina announced on Monday that she is running for president, Ben Carson, a retired neurosurgeon, announced his candidacy for president. Carson said he's not a politician and doesn't want to be a politician because politicians do what is politically expedient, and he wants to do what's right. Carson also stated that he had a lot of experience in solving problems, complex surgical problems that have never been done by anybody before.

◆ Elton Simpson, one of the suspects in Sunday's failed attack on an Irving, Texas community center, was killed along with another man after they opened fire on an officer and a security guard. Simpson's father said that his son "made a bad choice." "What my son did reflects very badly on my family."

◆ MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT:

U.S. stocks traded higher, closing near all-time highs, amid strong earnings releases and economic reports. Volume on the New York Stock Exchange was moderate, with 696.12 million shares traded. Advancers outnumbered decliners by roughly a 3-to-2 margin. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 46.34 at 18,070.40. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 6.20 at 2,114.49, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 11.54 at 5,016.93.

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WEATHER
Tuesday - Sunny. Highs in the upper 70's to lower 80's.
Tuesday night - Partly cloudy early. Then becoming mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50's.
Wednesday - Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80's.
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Athens, Tennessee

Preparing for Prom Night

Again this year, Susan Ray's Life Skills class at McMinn County High School teamed up with the McMinn County Rescue Squad, the THP, AMR ambulance service, Air-Evac, the Athens Fire Department, and city and county police officers to stage a mock wreck involving three vehicles with several injuries and fatalities. The purpose of the exercise is to make students aware of the dangers of drinking and texting and driving as prom time approaches. (Photo by Jay Thomson)



Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The Athens Department of Public Works says Jackson Street from Green Street to Madison Avenue will be closed from 10 a.m. this Friday until 1 a.m. Saturday. The purpose is for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Cancer Walk.
- ✓ You are invited to join members from Leadership McMinn and the City of Athens Public Works and Parks Departments on a guided tour of some of Athens' newest trails. The first tour will be this coming Saturday at 12:30 p.m. at Rails to Trails. Meet at 1300 East Madison Avenue across from Fairview Road.
- ✓ This Saturday, May 9, marks the 23rd anniversary of the National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. You are invited to leave a non-perishable food donation in a bag by your mailbox. The donations go directly to local food pantries in McMinn County.
- ✓ There will be a Community End of the School Year Celebration Saturday, May 9th from 4-7 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Etowah. Food, live music, games, prizes, inflatable obstacle course and a bounce house will be available for everyone's fun and enjoyment.
- ✓ First Baptist Church in Athens will be having a yard sale for missions on Friday, May 8th from 8 a.m. to 12 noon in the parking lot at the church.

THE McMINN SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER PRESENTS:
Shenanigans At The Blue Pelican Inn
May 16th
 Performed By The New Beginnings Theater Players
 Dinner Theater: 6PM \$10 Members
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TODAY IN HISTORY - MAY 5
 If you are Mexican or of Mexican descent today, Cinco de Mayo, is the day to celebrate the anniversary of the 1862 Battle of Puebla. General Ignacio Zaragoza's troops were outnumbered three to one as they battled the invading French army. They may have been outnumbered but they had the will to win. The Mexican forces defeated Napoleon III's army and Puebla stood.

1818 - Political philosopher Karl Marx was born in Prussia.
1821 - Napoleon Bonaparte died in exile on the island of St. Helena.
1891 - Carnegie Hall (then named Music Hall) opened in New York City.
1925 - John T. Scopes was arrested in Tennessee for teaching Darwin's theory of evolution in a public school.
1955 - West Germany became a sovereign state.
1961 - Astronaut Alan B. Shepard Jr. became America's first space traveler as he made a 15-minute suborbital flight in a capsule launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla.