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Wednesday, July 1, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ ATHENS REMEMBERS RICK KALISTER

The Athens medical community is still in shock over news of the tragic death of Dr. Rick Kalister, his wife, and daughter in a plane crash Sunday night. Dr. Kalister was the Medical Director of the Emergency Room at Starr Regional Medical Center. He worked for TeamHealth, a company that provides emergency room staffing for hospitals. He had worked at the Athens hospital for the



past 14 years. Neal Johns, Nurse Manager, says "Rick was a fabulous person." Johns says Dr. Kalister was a great pilot and flew F-15's in the Air Force. Starr Regional Medical Center issued a statement saying the Starr Regional family is deeply saddened by the

tragic deaths of Dr. Kalister and his family. The statement called him an excellent doctor and a respected, beloved member of the hospital team. Dr. Kalister also was a reserve deputy with the McMinn County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Joe Guy said he was a gentleman and a great friend to police and others in local emergency services. Guy said that his unit number will be permanently retired in his honor. The Kalisters were killed when their plane's engine failed and it crashed into a house in Plainville, Massachusetts. The family was taking their daughter to an orientation session at Northeastern University which she planned to attend this fall.

NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS

◆ United States and Cuban government officials will announce Wednesday that the two countries have reached an agreement to re-establish formal diplomatic relations and open embassies in each other's capitals.

◆ Donald Trump filed a \$500 million lawsuit against Univision, the Spanish-language network, after the company decided to terminate its contract with Trump's Miss Universe Organization and not broadcast the upcoming Miss USA pageant.

Georgia Man Dies in Meigs Co. Wreck

A Georgia man, 51-year-old Mitchell Leroy Green of Chatsworth, was killed Monday afternoon when his motorcycle crashed into the rear of a pickup truck that was stopped at a traffic light at a construction zone on Highway 60 at the bridge in Meigs County.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The deadline for submitting entry forms for the 30th Annual Etowah Fourth of July Beauty Pageant has been extended to today, July 1, at 5 p.m. The contest will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at the L&N Depot Park. There are four divisions for girls ages birth to eight. There is one division for boys, ages birth to three years. Contestants are asked to wear Sunday attire and will be judged on personality, modeling, and beauty. Entry forms are available at Blair's Bo-Kay Florist in Etowah and at the Etowah Depot.


✓ The UT Extension Office in Athens will have a Canning College on July 21st from 6 to 8 p.m. at the McMinn County High School kitchen. The cost is \$10 and the class will be limited to 25 people. To register, call 745-2852.

WEATHER
Wednesday - Mostly cloudy.
 60% rain & t'storms. Highs in the mid 80's.
Wednesday night - Cloudy.
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Athens, Tennessee

Get Ready for the Fireworks!

- Etowah is gearing up for the annual Old Fashioned Fourth of July celebration this Saturday. The morning starts off with a pancake breakfast and a 5K road race. There will be a beauty pageant and fun and games for the entire family. Children can have fun in the inflatable playground. Adults can compete in the Etowah Corn Toss Competition. There will be two bands--Cahoots followed by the Inman Street Band. The fireworks show begins at 9:45 p.m.

- The Athens Fireworks Display will take place at 9:30 p.m. Saturday at the Athens Regional Park. Sweet Georgia Sound will perform the Sounds of Summer concert at the park at 7 p.m. This year, the McMinn County Radio Control Association (pictured below) will be flying their planes from noon until everyone has left the park.



- Decatur will have a 4th of July parade at 3:15 p.m. There will be a Cruise-In On the Square from 4:30-9:30 p.m. The Decatur Fireworks Show will begin at 9:30 p.m.

Obituaries

• **George Tate Sitzlar**, age 80, of Athens died Tuesday, at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5-7 p.m.

• **Mitchell Leroy Green**, age 51, of Chatsworth, GA, was killed in a motorcycle accident in Meigs County on Monday. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Bakewell Bible Church. Bowers Funeral Home of Decatur is in charge of local arrangements.

NEW STATE LAWS EFFECTIVE TODAY

Several new laws go into effect in Tennessee today:

- A law prohibiting the use of drones to record an image over certain open air events and fireworks displays and prohibits the use of drones over the grounds of prisons.
- A law exempting utility workers and meter readers from wearing seat belts if traveling less than 40 mph.
- A law allowing people prosecuted for killing or harming a wild animal to claim self defense.
- A law banning persons under 18 from buying vapor products, such as e-cigarettes.
- A law waiving drivers license tests for certain applicants with a valid license from a foreign country.
- A law creating a lifetime handgun carry permit.

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