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Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ ATHENS POLICE WARN AGAINST TEXTING

April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. The Athens Police Department is being vigilant in looking for distracted driving violators. Police Chief Chuck Ziegler says texting and driving requires motorists to take their eyes off the road, their hands off the wheel, and their mind off the task of driving. He says distracted driving is a recipe for a crash that can result in severe injuries or death to the distracted driver or other innocent drivers. Texting and driving in Tennessee can result in a \$50 fine. For young drivers who have Learner's Permits or Intermediate Restricted licenses, cell phone use of any kind while driving is illegal. In 2015, Tennessee experienced its highest number of confirmed distracted driving crashes, 22,964. Those crashes resulted in the deaths of 51 people. In McMinn County, there were 114 distracted driving crashes last year, or about 7.8% of all crashes in the county. Texting is not the only cause of distracting driving crashes. They can also be caused by eating food, applying makeup, distractions caused by small children in the vehicle, or adjusting the radio and other devices. In recent years, texting while driving has taken center stage when it comes to the major cause for distracted driving crashes.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ The City of Cleveland, Ohio, agreed Monday morning to a \$6 million settlement in a lawsuit over the death of 12-year-old Tamir Rice who was shot dead by a police officer in November of 2014. Tamir was holding a toy gun when he was shot by officer Timothy Loehmann at a Cleveland playground.

◆ A small plane crashed in a suburban neighborhood in Pompano Beach, Florida, Monday afternoon, injuring three people. They were taken to a local hospital and are listed in serious to critical condition.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The 2016 Meigs County Rabies Clinic will be held this Saturday, April 30th. The cost of the rabies vaccine will be \$10. The times and locations are as follows: Fresh and Low in Georgetown (8 a.m. to 9 a.m.), Highway 58 Short Stop in Georgetown (9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.), Piggly Wiggly Parking Lot in Decatur (11 a.m. to noon), Four Corners Market, Ten Mile (12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.), and Video World in Ten Mile (2 p.m. to 3 p.m.)

✓ The annual Friends of Etowah Carnegie Library Used Book Sale will be held at the Etowah Community Center on Robinson St. this Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday (Bag Day) from 2 to 6 p.m.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Tuesday - Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower to mid 80's.

Tuesday night - Partly cloudy. 20% rain & t'storms. Lows in the lower 60's.

Wednesday - Partly sunny. 30% rain & t'storms. Highs in the lower 80's.

Zoom Radar at: www.wysi.com

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Athens, Tennessee

The Butterflies Are Fluttering

Spring time is a great time for watching butterflies. Allison Axley of Niota was able to take this magnificent photo of some Tiger Swallowtail butterflies in the Coker Creek area.



Obituaries

- **Clarence "Jack" Ross**, age 85, of Athens, died last Friday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. He was a former employee of Yellow Freight Company. Graveside services were held on Monday. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home was in charge.
- **Dalene Thompson Wiggins**, age 93, of Riceville, died Sunday at her home. She was an avid gardener and was well known in the Clay Hill community for her day lillies and flowers. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Ralph Edward Lankford**, age 59, of Niota, died Sunday at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bowers Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Bowers.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks closed slightly lower with energy leading decliners and defensive sectors among the leaders, ahead of major central bank meetings and earnings due later in the week. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 26.51 at 17, 977.24. Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 3.79 at 2,087.79, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 10.44 at 4,895.79.

ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE IN THE AREA

The latest small earthquake in East Tennessee was recorded at 4 a.m. Monday. It measured 2.4 in magnitude and was centered about 15 miles east of Etowah.



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TODAY IN HISTORY - APRIL 26th

- 1607** - The first British colonists that established a permanent settlement in America landed at Cape Henry, Virginia.
- 1865** - Federal troops shot and killed John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Abraham Lincoln. He was shot inside a burning barn near Port Royal, Virginia, despite orders to capture him alive.
- 1933** - Actress Carol Burnett was born.
- 1938** - Duane Eddy, famous for his "twangy guitar," was born. His biggest hit record was "Rebel Rouser."
- 1942** - Singer Bobby Rydell was born. Among his hit records- "Swingin' School" and "Volare."
- 1986** - History's worst-ever nuclear disaster occurred at the Chernobyl Nuclear Plant in the former Soviet ruled Ukraine. At least 31 people were killed. It sent a radioactive cloud into the atmosphere which increased radiation levels in several European countries.
- 1989** - Actress and comedienne Lucille Ball of "I Love Lucy" fame died at age 77.