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Athens, Tennessee

Hale Says Jesus Was the Hero

Patrick Hale, the Tennessee man who held two Georgia prison escapees until police arrived, says he is not a hero. He says credit should go to Jesus Christ. Hale says he loaded his gun after a neighbor alerted him that the two men were in the area. Hale got into his car to flee. That's when the men took off their shirts and waved them in the air in a sign of surrender. Hale says he thinks they mistook his car for a police vehicle. They laid face down on his driveway until about 45 police officers arrived moments later. Hale says he never had to pull out his weapon. He says "If that doesn't make you believe in Jesus Christ, I don't know what does." Hale took the photo below showing officers surrounding the escapees who were still lying on his driveway.



National & World News

- ◆ Comedian Bill Cosby's trial on sexual assault charges ended without a verdict on Saturday after jurors failed to reach a unanimous decision in a case that helped destroy the 79-year-old entertainer's image as "America's Dad." The judge declared a mistrial. Prosecutors say they will retry Cosby.
- ◆ The condition of Louisiana Congressman Steve Scalise was upgraded from "critical" to "serious condition" over the weekend. Doctors say Scalise continues to show signs of improvement after being wounded in a shooting at a Republican baseball practice near Washington last week.
- ◆ The bodies of seven missing sailors have been found aboard the USS Fitzgerald that collided with a container ship in the sea about 50 miles off the coast of Japan.

AMY BRINGS CHRISTMAS IN JUNE

Singer Amy Grant came to Athens this past Saturday evening. She was the featured speaker at the annual Athens Area Chamber of Commerce banquet. In addition to speaking, Amy sang several songs. She even took a request and sang one of her popular Christmas songs, "Tennessee Christmas." (Photo by Stacie Clifton)



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DRUG TASK FORCE SCORES

The McMinn County Sheriff's Office continues to attack drug dealers. Sheriff Joe Guy says attacking drugs will help prevent other crimes. The photos show some of the seizures made over the past few weeks by deputies and detectives assigned to the Drug Task Force.



Obituaries

♦ **Rebecca "Reba" Caruso**, age 27, of Benton, died last Wednesday at her residence. A gathering of friends will be held this Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Serenity Funeral Home & Cremation Center in Etowah.

♦ AMY GRANT COMES TO ATHENS

Here is another photo of Grammy Award-winning singer Amy Grant during her speech and concert at McMinn County High School's gymnasium this past Saturday evening. Amy was the latest in a series of big name entertainers and sports celebrities to speak at the annual banquet over the years, including Tim Tebow, Peyton Manning, Nick Saban, Lou Ferrigno (the Incredible Hulk) and Kirk Cameron.



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