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Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ TIME TO FILL 'ER UP GETTING CLOSER

Progress continues to be made toward getting the new Food City in Athens and its accompanying gas station ready to open for business. The new supermarket and gas station are expected to open sometime in November. The photo below shows the gas station taking shape.



National & World News

◆ A desperate search for a missing Louisiana worker continues after an explosion occurred on a large oil rig Sunday night. Other victims suffered blast-type injuries and burns, and were rushed to nearby hospitals and medical centers.

◆ Army Sergeant Bowe Bergdahl plead guilty on Monday to charges of desertion with intention to shirk duty. Bergdahl disappeared in 2009 and was captured by the Taliban after leaving his Army outpost in Afghanistan.

◆ A statewide manhunt is underway in Missouri after two prisoners escaped from Pemiscot County Jail through an air duct just before 2 a.m. on Sunday. Surveillance footage shows the pair heading towards the Mississippi River. Police are calling the two "dangerous."

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The McMinn County Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting this Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the McMinn County Center for Educational Excellence. There will be a policy committee meeting at 4:30 p.m.

✓ The Athens City Council holds its monthly meeting this evening at 6. The public is invited.

✓ The monthly Athens Area Chamber of Commerce "Business Before Hours" will be this Thursday, October 19th, from 8 to 9 a.m. at Tennessee Wesleyan University's Elliott Hall.

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HATCHERY OFFICIALS HONORED

Tellico Hatchery manager Jon Ellis and technician Rob Theurer were recently awarded letters of commendation and silver challenge coins from the U.S. Navy for their assistance with the tragic crash of the U.S. T-45 Goshawk jet near the fish hatchery in Monroe County. TWRA staff assisted in several capacities throughout the recovery efforts for several days in the area's rough terrain. The Tellico Hatchery served as headquarters for the U.S. Navy, Marine Corp, and Air Force. Hatchery manager Ellis was checking for water contamination earlier this month when he crossed paths with two U.S. Marines. Ellis said he knew the crash had occurred, but did not realize how close it was to the hatchery. Ellis was able to help lead the Marines to the crash site. Theurer helped close roads, lead groups up the mountain, and provided assistance with the aircraft recovery. Ellis and Theurer also helped clear a landing zone for a Blackhawk helicopter which airlifted the bodies of the two dead aviators off the mountain. The photo shows Ellis receiving a letter of commendation from Navy Commander Jason Gustin.



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Obituaries

♦ **Marvin Torbett**, age 83, of Etowah, died Sunday. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks edged higher with the financial, telecom and technology sectors leading the way. Many believe the increases in energy stocks and oil prices are due to political tensions in Iran and Iraq and their potential to disrupt the future supply of oil.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 85 points or 0.4% to 22,957. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 4 points or 0.2% to 2,558, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 18 points or 0.3% to 6,624.

TODAY IN HISTORY - OCTOBER 17th

1915 - American playwright Arthur Miller was born. His works include the play, "Death of a Salesman."

1919 - The Radio Corporation of America (RCA) was created. The company later birthed the NBC radio network.

1931 - Mobster Al Capone was convicted of income tax evasion and sentenced to 11 years in prison.

1933 - Physicist Albert Einstein arrived in the United States as a refugee from Nazi Germany.

1978 - President Jimmy Carter signed the resolution to restore Jefferson Davis' American citizenship, 89 years after his death. Davis was the President of the Confederate States of America during the Civil War. He had been denied restoration of his citizenship after the north won the war.

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