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State & Local News

◆ RACING PIGEON FOUND IN ZION HILL

A racing pigeon has made an unscheduled landing in the Zion Hill community of McMinn County. Mitch Cardin says he was getting ready to take his daughter to a softball banquet at Central High School when they heard a noise on their back porch. They discovered a pigeon had landed there. When they got home from the banquet, the pigeon had flown inside the carport, landed on his dad's head, and was caught by his mom. Mitch says he contacted someone with the American Pigeon Racing Union who said stormy weather sometimes blows pigeons off course and it takes a day or two for them to recover their bearings. It turns out the pigeon belongs to a racing club in Atlanta and was released in Paducah, Ky. In the meantime, Mitch says the bird is in a cage

and is being fed and watered. A club member asked them to release the bird in a couple of days and it will fly back to Atlanta. Mitch says the pigeon had a green tag around one leg and a white tag with a number around the other. That number led them to the racing club in Atlanta. Pictured in the photo (L-R) are Joyce Cardin holding the pigeon along with her granddaughter MacKenzee Cardin. Photo submitted by Mitch Cardin



National & World News

- ◆ A child and a teacher were killed when a school bus full of fifth-graders from East Brook Middle School in Paramus, New Jersey, collided with a dump truck and slammed off a New Jersey highway on Thursday morning. The fifth graders were on a field trip at the time of the collision. Some of the students and teachers are in critical condition and underwent surgery.
- ◆ A new but powerful, short-lived explosion occurred at the summit of the Kilauea volcano on Hawaii's Big Island, producing a massive volcanic cloud that reached 30,000 feet above sea level which is higher than Mount Everest. The U.S. Geological Survey said that activity may become more explosive at any time "increasing the intensity of ash production in the area. Residents are still threatened with the danger of sulfur dioxide.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The next Diabetes Class at the McMinn Senior Activity Center will be next Tuesday, May 22nd. The topic is A1C, Blood Pressure & Lipid Management. The class meets from 9 to 10 a.m., and is sponsored by Starr Regional Diabetes Center.
- ✓ The May meeting of the Cherokee Beekeepers will be next Tuesday, May 22nd, at 7 p.m. at the AgCentral Co-Op. The guest speaker will be Chris Kinser talking about Supering, types of Foundations, and how to make a Bee Vac.
- ✓ Sign-ups for the Etowah Carnegie Library's Summer Reading Program will begin next Wednesday, May 23rd. Call 263-9475.

WEATHER FORECAST

Friday - 70% rain & t'storms. High 81.

Friday Night - 60% rain & t'storms. Low 63.

Saturday - 60% rain & t'storms. High 83.

Saturday Night - 20% rain & t'storms. Low 64.

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Obituaries

- Nancy L. Bailey, age 71, of Decatur, died Thursday, May 10th, in a Decatur healthcare facility. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Companion Funeral Home of Athens.
- Betty Jo Ward Bunch, age 83, of Athens, died Tuesday at her residence. She was the owner and operator of B&J Diner in Charleston. Funeral services were held Thursday night at Laycock -Hobbs Funeral Home. Interment will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Melton Cemetery.



• Thelma Ruth "Peggy" Arterburn, age 78, of Athens, died Tuesday at her home. She was a member of the Athens Chamber of Commerce, beginning her career as secretary and retiring as C.E.O. after 40 years of service. Private services will be held by the family, and at her request, there will be no visitation. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 55 points or 0.2% to 24,714. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 2 points or 0.1% to 2,720, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 16 points or 0.2% to 7,382.

Church News & Events

- Union McMinn Baptist Church will have an Operation Christmas Card Shoebox workshop Saturday at 9 a.m. The church is located at 314 County Road 316 off I-75 exit 52. You are invited to attend if you are an Operation Christmas Child Project Leader or if you just want to learn more about the Operation Christmas Child ministry and how to pack a shoebox.
- Boyd Memorial First Church of God on North Congress Parkway will have a Pentecost Sunday Service this Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
- New Fellowship Baptist Church will have Homecoming this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Special music by Crimson River.
- The Jimmy Justice Family will sing at Union Hill Baptist Church on June 10th at 10:45 a.m. The church is located at 258 County Road 659, Athens.
- ♦ COLLEGE STREET TO BE CLOSED MONDAY College Street will be closed permanently on the TWU campus between Jackson and Long Streets beginning at 8 a.m. Monday. In addition, the right hand turn lane on Jackson Street from Washington Avenue to College Street will be closed at 8 a.m. Monday. The three lanes on Jackson Street will be modified to two through lanes only. College Street from Jackson to Long will be permanently closed to through traffic. The closing of College Street is

TODAY IN HISTORY MAY 18th

- **1860 -** Abraham Lincoln was nominated for the U.S. Presidency by the Republican Party at its convention in Chicago.
- **1912 -** Singer Perry Como was born on this date in Ohio. He started out as a barber, then became one of the top-selling male recording artists in the 1950's and 60's. He died in 2001.
- **1933 -** Congress passed the Tennessee Valley Act, creating the Tennessee Valley Authority for the purpose of flood control and rural electrification.
- **1942 -** Singer Albert Hammond was born. His biggest hit was "It Never Rains in Southern California" from 1972. It hit #5 on the Billboard charts.
- **1952 -** Country singer George Strait was born. He is an American country music singer, songwriter, actor, and music producer. He is known as the "King of Country" and is considered one of the most influential and popular recording artists of all time. His first hit record was "Unwound" in 1981.
- **1980 -** The Mount St. Helens volcano in Washington state erupted, killing 57 people.



being made at the request of TWU.

Monday - Friday: 8 am - 6 pm Saturday: 9 am - 3 pm



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