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STATE AND LOCAL NEWS

◆ MUCH ADO ABOUT A FEW SALAMANDERS

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has placed a rare salamander on its candidate species list for federal protection. The tiny creature is known as the Berry Cave salamander. It is known to inhabit only nine caves in East Tennessee, mostly in the Knoxville area. One is the Blythe Ferry Cave in Meigs County. Three were found in a ditch in Athens during flooding of Oostanaula Creek. They are believed to have come from an unknown cave. In a survey of 113 caves in East and Middle Tennessee from 2004 to 2007, only 63 Berry Cave salamanders were found. Placement on the candidate species list means the status of the Berry Cave salamander will be reviewed annually.



◆ **CHECK CASHING SCHEME REACHES ATHENS**
Federal authorities have arrested a man suspected of running a check-cashing scheme throughout the Southeast, including here in Athens. Agents say Herschel Hargett recruited homeless people in the Atlanta area. They say Hargett used his recruits to cash counterfeit checks at banks. Some of the phony checks were cashed at GreenBank in Athens and at Regions Bank in Chattanooga.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ President Obama defended the U.S. military involvement in Libya last night, in a speech on national television, as a necessary humanitarian intervention to prevent a massacre.

◆ Rebel forces fought their way to the doorstep of Moammar Gadhafi's hometown of Sirte Monday before being stopped by a fierce attack on their convoy by forces loyal to Gadhafi.

◆ Officials say low levels of radioactive iodine believed to be from Japan's stricken nuclear power plant have been detected in the atmosphere in South Carolina, North Carolina, and Florida.

◆ Workers in Japan have discovered new pools of radioactive water leaking from the crippled nuclear complex. Crews also found traces of plutonium in the soil outside of the complex.

◆ U.S. consumer spending rose for an eighth straight month in February. Despite the good news stocks declined. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 12,197.88; down 22.71 points.

◆ The University of Tennessee has named a new head basketball coach to replace Bruce Pearl, who was fired a week ago. He's Cuonzo (pronounced CON-zoh) Martin, currently the head coach at Missouri State University. He posted a record of 61 wins and 41 losses in three seasons at Missouri. He was this year's Missouri Valley Conference Coach of the Year.



◆ The University of Tennessee Lady Vols were bounced from the Elite 8 of the NCAA Women's basketball tournament last night. The final score was Tennessee-59 Notre Dame-73.

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Who's New In Pink & Blue?

Rylan David Keller was born March 25th at Athens Regional Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds and 15 ounces and was 21 inches long. His parents are Jennifer and Daniel Keller of Sweetwater.

TIME TO REGISTER FOR SENIOR OLYMPICS

The Southeast District Senior Olympics will be held April 28-May 7 in McMinn and Bradley counties. Individuals ages 50 and above will participate in such events as badminton, basketball, bowling, golf, horseshoes, pickleball, shuffleboard, swimming, Rook and Bridge. The early bird registration ends April 7th and the final deadline is April 15th. Call Holly Currier at 745-6830 for info.

Shingles (not just on your roof)

Keith Kidd, a Family Nurse Practitioner associated with Medical Associates of Athens, will be the speaker at this month's Seniority Breakfast. He'll discuss the painful ailment known as Shingles. The Senior Breakfast will be this Thursday at 9 a.m. in the Physicians Dining Room at Athens Regional Medical Center. To register, call Pris Cornwall at 744-3249.



Obituaries

Marie Mamie Miller Parr, age 92, of Athens died Saturday at Life Care of Athens. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Sweetwater Valley Memorial Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Linda Gail Weir, age 56, of Athens died Monday at Athens Regional Medical Center. There will be no formal service. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Several people were injured Sunday afternoon in a one-vehicle crash at Highway 307 and County Road 456. One was airlifted to UT Medical Center. None of the occupants were wearing their safety belts. (Photo by Liz Davis)



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