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Thursday-Aug. 4, 2011

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ ETOWAH DRUG STORE HIT TWICE

Etowah police are investigating two burglaries at Anderson Drug Store that occurred almost exactly one month apart. In the first incident, the burglar entered through the roof. In the most recent break-in, the burglar managed to open the lock on a door. Security video shows him filling a plastic tote with drugs and getting in and out of the store in under one minute.

◆ DRIVER PLEADS GUILTY TO KILLING WOMAN

The driver of a car which struck and killed a Decatur woman who had stopped to offer assistance at the scene of a wreck on Highway 30 west of Athens last year has pleaded guilty to vehicular homicide. Caleb Rice, 19, was sentenced to six months in jail and had his driver's license suspended for five years. Rice's car struck 25-year-old Jennifer Finnell in the pre-dawn hours of July 9th of last year. She had stopped to help another motorist when Rice sped through the crash scene, hitting her and killing her on impact.

◆ HOT WEATHER MAY HAVE CAUSE OUTAGE

Electricity was off for most people in the Athens area Wednesday afternoon after a transformer at the North Athens substation overheated and stopped working. AUB officials say it was probably related to the very high load as a result of the hot weather.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ After trading sharply lower most of the day Wednesday, stocks slowly climbed back to end the day modestly higher, breaking an eight-day losing streak for the Dow. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 30 points to close at 11,896. The S&P gained 6 points to close at 1,260. It was a big comeback for the market, where the Dow had been down as much as 166 points earlier in the day.

◆ Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano says there have been no credible or specific threats against the United States yet as the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11th attacks approaches. U.S. officials are on high alert for possible plots for some form of attack on the anniversary.

◆ Tropical Storm Emily brushed past Puerto Rico on Wednesday and headed toward the Dominican Republic and Haiti, where more than 630,000 people are still without shelter after last year's earthquake. The U.S. National Hurricane Center says the storm is expected to take a turn toward the northwest and eventually brush the eastern coast of the U.S.

◆ In Montana, a quadriplegic skydiver plunged 18,000 feet to his death because he was unable to manually deploy his parachute and his emergency chute was not set to automatically release.

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Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

- The Athens Parks Department announces that the Ingleside Swimming Pool will be open for the last day of the summer next Monday, August 8th.
- You are invited to the Etowah Carnegie Library from 5 to 8 p.m. today as they unveil their new X-Box 360 Kinect gaming system. The new system will be available for library patrons to watch and to play the new games.
- The McMinn Regional Humane Society is having an adoptathon this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Tractor Supply at 622 S. Congress Parkway as part of Pet Appreciation Week.
- Grace and Mercy Ministries will have a pancake breakfast fundraiser at Applebee's restaurant in Athens this Saturday from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. The price is \$5.00 for all-you-can-eat. Proceeds go to help Grace and Mercy Ministries provide meals and basic need items to low income and homeless people.
- The Highway 127 Corridor Sale, known as the World's Longest Yard Sale, starts today and goes through Sunday. It stretches for 675 miles from Gadsden, Alabama, to Hudson, Michigan.

Obituaries

Wilma Jean Presswood Malone, age 75, of Athens died Tuesday at Athens Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.

The photo below shows a multi-story house at Ohio and 8th in Etowah being demolished recently. Etowah Building Inspector and Codes Enforcement Officer David Mason says this was the 23rd structure he has had razed since he took office. There are several more on the list, including the old recreation hall. (Photo by Jay Thomson)



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THIS DAY IN HISTORY - AUGUST 4

- 1900** - Queen Elizabeth, Britain's Queen Mother, was born. She was one of Britain's most popular queens.
- 1901** - Singer and trumpet player Louis Armstrong was born. His biggest hit records included "What A Wonderful World" and "A Kiss To Build A Dream On."
- 1914** - Britain declared war on Germany, one day after Germany had declared war on France.
- 1916** - The United States agreed to buy the U.S. Virgin Islands from Denmark for \$25 million. The islands are located east of Puerto Rico and are a popular vacation spot.
- 1941** - Singer Timu Yuro was born. She had a big hit record in the early 1960's titled "Hurt."
- 1972** - Arthur Bremer was found guilty of shooting and wounding Alabama Governor George Wallace. He was sentenced to 63 years in prison.

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