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Monday-August 8, 2011

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ THOSE BUSES GOT STUFFED !

Retailers across the Volunteer State saw a major increase in their sales during Tennessee's Tax-Free Weekend. Locally, the McMinn County Education Foundation and the United Way encouraged shoppers to donate school supplies for returning students. In the photo:



(L - R) Brian & Darla Solsbee and their sons Connor and Brandon and Melinda King, McMinn School Board Member from District 3, volunteered to help to "Stuff the Bus".

✓ Airport officials say security officers at Knoxville's McGhee-Tyson Airport discovered and confiscated a loaded handgun from an airline traveler's purse at one of their security checkpoints. Tammy Sue Rouse was charged with possessing a firearm, but was later released and allowed to board a plane.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ Thirty American service members, most of them elite Navy SEALs, died when their helicopter was shot down in Afghanistan. The SEALs had just helped Army Rangers who had come under fire. Some of the SEALs who died Saturday were from the same unit that killed Osama bin Laden, although none of the men took part in that mission.

◆ U.S. investors will have their first chance today to react to Standard & Poor's decision to strip the U.S. government of its top credit rating from AAA to AA+. However, the bigger issues facing Wall Street and stock markets worldwide remain debt-ridden countries in Europe and concerns that the global economy is weakening.

◆ Tim Geithner has told President Obama that he will remain on the job as Treasury secretary, ending speculation he would leave the administration. Meanwhile, a nationwide effort to get Geithner to resign or be fired has been started by several grassroots organizations.

◆ In Copley, Ohio, which is near Akron, a family argument Sunday ended in the shooting deaths of eight people in two places, including an 11-year-old. Two more people were wounded. Police shot the gunman to death.

◆ Stalled contract negotiations led thousands of workers in Verizon Communication's wireline division to go on strike Sunday, potentially affecting landline operations as well as installation of services like FiOS, its fiber-optic television and Internet lines. The dispute does not affect the company's wireless division.



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MOBILE HOME FIRE

A vacant mobile home was gutted by fire Friday afternoon at the corner of Pin Street and Spring Garden Avenue in Englewood. Englewood City and Etowah Rural Fire Department Units responded to the fire. Photo by Jay Thomson.



Obituaries

Jeffrey Lynn Rogers, age 51, of Etowah, died last Thursday from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. A "Gathering of Friends" will be held followed by a brief Memorial Service on Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Ralph Buckner Funeral Home of Etowah.

Teresa (Janie) Wilson Roberts, age 57, of Athens, died Saturday at her home. She was a private health care provider. A funeral service will be held at 8 p.m. Monday at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m.

Reba Harwell Ensminger, age 93, of Niota, died Saturday at Renaissance Terrace in Harriman. She was a former employee of Niota Textile and Van Raalte Hosiery Mill. A funeral service will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

◆ MORE AREA NEWS

- ✓ A 7-year-old boy, Tyler Gamble, drowned Friday afternoon at a place called the Blue Hole in the pocket wilderness near Soddy-Daisy. The Blue Hole is a deep area of water at the bottom of some steep cliffs. He was swimming with his father's fiancé.
- ✓ Jacob Joslin, age 18, of Polk County, died Friday afternoon around 6 p.m. after the motorcycle he was driving crossed the center line and struck an on-coming car head-on. The driver of the car was uninjured. The wreck happened on the Old Lead Mine Valley Road in Bradley County.

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Mon. night - Mostly cloudy.
30% rain chance. Low-72.
Tuesday - Mostly cloudy.
40% rain chance. High-88.
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