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Tuesday-August 23, 2011

Athens, Tennessee

STATE AND LOCAL NEWS

◆ MAN DROWNS IN WATTS BAR LAKE

A Harriman man, 57-year-old Randall Bardill, drowned Sunday afternoon while swimming in Watts Bar Lake between the Euche Marina and Sand Island. Bardill's sister says he went swimming off their boat and never returned. Some boaters found his body floating in the water around 6 p.m.

◆ POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Members of the Athens City Council heard monthly updates from the city's police and fire chiefs at last week's Council meeting.

Police Chief Chuck Ziegler reported there were five robberies in the city in July, bringing the total number of robberies in 2011 to 26. That's up from 16 for the same period last year. However, Chief Ziegler reported that the number of thefts, assaults, and burglaries is lower for the first seven months of this year compared to the same period last year.

Fire Chief Jim Dyer reported that Athens firefighters responded to 38 calls in July. Six calls were residential fires, three were grass fires, two were vehicle fires, and ten were false alarms. Losses for the month totaled \$64,100.

◆ POLICE ARREST "COUPON-CLIPPER"

Athens Police have charged Christina Soward, 23, of Athens, with theft after she was caught clipping coupons from newspapers in racks in front of the Dollar Tree. After cutting out the coupons, she put the papers back in the rack. Recently, police nationwide have reported scores of cases of people stealing newspapers in order to get the coupons.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Moammar Gadhafi remains a hunted man as Libyan rebels claimed to be in control of most of the capital of Tripoli. Rebels have now captured three of Gadhafi's sons. Gadhafi's prime minister showed up in Tunisia. The international community is calling on Gadhafi to step down.

◆ Stocks rose on Monday, shaking off a four-week losing streak. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed up 37.00 at 10,854.65.

◆ Hurricane Irene cut power to more than a million people in Puerto Rico on Monday, downing trees and flooding streets. Forecasters warn it could be a major storm as it threatens Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina by the end of the week.

◆ Academy Award-winning actress Kate Winslet escaped uninjured when fire destroyed Richard Branson's home on his private island in the British Virgin Islands. Branson said the fire started around 4 a.m. when Tropical Storm Irene walloped the Virgin Islands with lightning and high winds. Winslet and other guests were evacuated safely from the house.

◆ A study published in the journal *Pediatrics* says more than 5,000 children and teens are injured in the U.S. each year in falls from windows. Two-thirds of the injuries occurred among children younger than five. Most of them fell from first and second story windows.

◆ The federal government has rejected a proposal by New York City to combat obesity by banning food stamp recipients from using their benefits to buy sodas, teas, sports drinks and other sugary drinks containing more than 10 calories per 8 ounces.

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Saturdays at
12:30p & 5:10p

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Who's New In Pink & Blue?

Alexandria Covarrubias was born August 18th at Athens Regional Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds and 4 ounces and was 19 inches long. Her parents are Christian and Marco Covarrubias of Athens.

Katelynn Breanna Strickland was born August 17th at ARMC. She weighed 8 pounds and 13 ounces and was 19 inches long. Her parents are Amanda and Mark Strickland of Philadelphia.

FIGHT THE BITE !!

How do you protect yourself from diseases carried by mosquitoes? That's the subject of this month's Seniority Breakfast this Thursday at 9 a.m. in the Physicians Dining Room at Athens Regional Medical Center. The speaker will be Infection Control Expert Geri Brown, RN. (In photo to right) To register, call Chris Hari at 423-744-3269.



(Photo by Chris Hari)

Community News You Can Use

✓ The Athens Parks and Recreation Department will host the First Annual Chili Cook Off on September 3rd at the Athens Regional Park. All contestants must preregister by August 29th. The chili will be divided into four categories and each category will have a \$50.00 top prize. For more info, call the Parks Dept. at 744-2706.

"Lunch & Learn" Seminar Coming Up

The Athens Chamber of Commerce will hold a "Lunch & Learn" Seminar entitled **Social Media: What Is It? Why You Need It Strategy and How To Get It** on August 30th from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Tennessee Technology Center at Athens. Ben Finch, owner of Ben Finch Photography, (Photo at left) will lead the seminar. The seminar is free to the public and includes lunch. However, reservations



are required by this Friday, Aug. 26th. Call the Chamber Office at 423-745-0334 to make a reservation.



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1775 - Britain's King George III proclaimed the American colonies to be in a state of "open and avowed rebellion."

1912 - Actor, singer, and dancer Gene Kelley was born. His best-known role was in the movie "Singin' In The Rain."

1914 - Japan declared war on Germany in World War One.

1917 - Country singer Tex Williams was born. His biggest hit was "Smoke! Smoke! Smoke! (That Cigarette)." Ironically, he died of lung cancer in 1985.

1940 - Actor Richard Sanders was born. He played the role of Les Nessman on the TV sitcom *WKRP In Cincinnati*.

2000 - An estimated 51 million viewers watched the season finale of the first season of the reality show "Survivor" on CBS. Richard Hatch won the \$1 million prize.

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