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Monday-May 5, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ TBI PROBES ATHENS POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation has confirmed to The Morning Fax that it is investigating a matter involving the Athens Police Department. The TBI says the investigation centers on two weapons that were seized by police in a case several years ago, and cannot be located. The TBI says it is trying to determine whether the weapons are simply missing or were stolen from the police department. Athens Police Chief Chuck Ziegler asked the District Attorney's office to investigate, and the DA's office, in turn, called in the TBI.

◆ FISHING DERBY FUN IN ATHENS

The weather was perfect for the annual City of Athens Fishing Derby that was held on Saturday at the Athens Regional Park. One of the Derby winners was Michael Dixon (in photo) who hooked a trout that was worth \$20 per inch. Michael received \$240 cash. Other winners were: Rachel Newberry-\$150 Tagged Fish, Heath King-\$25 Next fish caught contest and Tracy Cornelius-\$50 Prize drawing. The trout with the \$500 cash tag was not caught. Photo courtesy of Athens Parks and Recreation Dept.



WORLD & NATIONAL NEWS

◆ A platform collapsed during an aerial hair-hanging stunt at a Ringling Brothers circus performance in Providence, Rhode Island on Sunday, sending eight acrobats plummeting to the ground. Nine performers were seriously injured in the fall, including a dancer below, while an unknown number of others suffered less serious injuries.

◆ Hundreds of pro-Russian demonstrators stormed police headquarters in the Ukraine city of Odessa and won the release of 67 people detained after deadly clashes in the Ukrainian port city.

◆ The first openly gay Episcopal bishop, Gene Robinson, who became a symbol for gay rights while deeply dividing the world's Anglicans, plans to divorce his husband.

◆ Coca-Cola is dropping a controversial ingredient from its Powerade sports drink, after a similar move by PepsiCo's Gatorade last year. The ingredient, brominated vegetable oil, had been the target of a petition by a Mississippi teenager, who questioned why it was being used in a drink marketed toward health-conscious athletes. The ingredient is linked to a flame retardant and is not approved for use in Japan or the European Union.

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Monday-May 5, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

Credit Card Thieves Nabbed

Cheryl Lynn Richeson (bottom right photo) and James Derrick Morris (bottom left photo) were arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Department on April 30th and both were charged with auto burglary, fraudulent use of a credit card, and forgery. Morris' address was listed as 912 Boaz Street in Athens and Richeson's address was listed as 290 County Road 370, Athens. Richeson and Morris posed as "tree trimmers" while canvassing the Tellico Hills area of Athens on April 16th. Residents of that neighborhood reported to police that their car was broken into and saw the pair walking down their driveway. Both are being held in the McMinn County Jail under \$12,500 bonds each.



Obituaries

Betty Lee Hart, age 82, of Sweetwater, died last Thursday at her home. She was a retired owner and operator of a Restaurant in Rock Hill, SC. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the U.S. National Cemetery in Florence, SC. There will be no formal visitation. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

Arlean Cole Walden, age 63, of Athens, died Friday at Starr Regional of Athens. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Monday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.

A 2-car wreck on Tennessee Ave. at 5th Street in Etowah sent 3 people to Starr Regional Medical Center of Etowah on Saturday. Brittany Cook was driving a PT Crusier when she pulled in front of Dale and Delinda King, who were in a 2008 Saturn Vue, injuring them. Cook was cited for failure to yield resulting in injury and for driving without a license. Jay Thomson's photo shows the Saturn Vue. Cook was also taken to Starr Regional of Etowah.



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To the voters of McMinn County: After researching the 2012 TBI crime statistics it was very clear that under the leadership of Sheriff Joe Guy that the McMinn County Sheriff's Department only solved 16.24% of the crimes. "TBI" gets this information from the reporting agency "the McMinn County Sheriff's Department." Out of 95 counties we ranked 94th for unsolved crime. This became very disturbing to me so I took it upon myself to research the 2013 stats which the TBI has completed but not yet posted. I wanted the public to have access to the same information source as myself so I went straight to none other than McMinn County's 911 dispatch to retrieve the 2013 information. What I found was even more disturbing. Crime was even higher by more than double in some categories and up over 20% in burglary and theft which affect so many families. We are moving backwards folks and that is exactly why we need a trained law enforcement officer and not a politician. For your own research, Google 'TBI crime stats' or feel free to look at the McMinn County dispatch 911 CAD incident count reports. This hits home and it is our home, so let's change it together! Please vote Tim Smith for Sheriff on Tuesday, May 6th.



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