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Athens, Tennessee

Local and State News

◆ MORE INFO ON AMBULANCE THEFT

As we reported in Monday's Morning Fax, a woman has been charged with stealing an ambulance from the Englewood Fire Station. More details have now been released. Authorities say Terri Efaw, 41, broke into the fire station on Carroll Street early Saturday morning and drove right through the large bay door. The noise woke up the ambulance crew. Englewood Fire Chief Billy Roach says storms that moved through the area recently knocked out power to the security system on the doors,



so Efaw was able to break in without alerting authorities. She only made it about two miles before she was spotted by an Englewood police officer. With the help of a McMinn County deputy, they were able to stop the ambulance on Highway 30 in Athens by blocking her in. Officials estimate the damage to the door at \$3,000 and the ambulance at \$5,000. Efaw told police she was pregnant and took the ambulance because she had to rush to the hospital. She's been charged with theft, vandalism, and criminal trespassing.

FACTOID: Athens has 126 miles of streets. This is the same distance as driving from Athens to Monticello, Kentucky. The city saves money by paving early and maintaining the existing roads. Constructing new roads is more expensive than maintaining them.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ The White House defended the #BringBackOurGirls social media campaign as a valuable part of the global response to the abduction of more than 200 Nigerian girls. Spokesman Jay Carney dismissed suggestions that hashtag activism would lead Boko Haram kidnappers to free their hostages.

◆ In Arkansas, dozens of gay couples received licenses to marry from county clerks Monday, while lawyers for the state asked its highest court to suspend an order gutting a constitutional amendment that bans same-sex marriage.

◆ Syria's most extreme jihadist faction has issued a ban on mannequins in shop displays and the sale of women's underwear to male customers. The decision by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) in their northern stronghold of Raqa also bans men and women from shopping together unless he is her husband, father or brother.

◆ A North Carolina textile entrepreneur, Keith Crisco, locked in a Democratic Party primary with former "American Idol" singer Clay Aiken has died. Crisco died at his home on Monday after an accidental fall.

◆ A Georgia couple has filed a new lawsuit against General Motors over their daughter's fatal car crash which was linked to a faulty ignition switch. They settled with General Motors last year but claim that GM fraudulently concealed critical evidence and allowed a company representative to lie under oath.

◆ Snow covered spring flowers in Denver on Monday, as a rare May snow storm brought over a foot of snow to parts of Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska.

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WEATHER

Tuesday - Mostly sunny. 40% rain & tstorms. High - mid to upper 80's.
Tuesday night - Mostly cloudy. 30% rain & tstorms. Lows in the lower 60's
Wednesday - Mostly cloudy. 60% rain. High- low to mid 80's.
More Weather & Zoom Radar at: www.wyxi.com

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PATTON WINS MERCY AWARD

Gena Patton, central sterile supply technician, has been awarded the Mercy Award at Starr Regional Medical Center for 2014. The award is the highest honor a Lifepoint employee can receive. Patton has worked at Starr Regional for seven years. She lives in Decatur and has been very involved in several community organizations, including the March of Dimes and Give a Kid a Chance.



Obituaries

Lola Virginia Cardin Swafford, age 78, of Athens died Sunday at Tennova Hospital in Knoxville. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Rose Nunnally Sparkman, age 77, of Athens died last Friday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. She served as a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service for over 30 years. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday in Ward Cemetery, with visitation from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Pope Ave. Baptist Church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Rev. Richard R. Barnes, age 66, of Riceville died Sunday at UT Medical Center. He had been a Baptist minister for 40 years. He retired from Bowater after 30 years. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m.

LAST DAY AT W.O.R.K.

The McMinn Senior Center is having a Dinner Theater this Saturday at 6 p.m. The play is about WORK, a radio station in a small southern town, which is signing off the air after 50 years. The station owners, a couple in their 70's, have invited their old favorite acts to come back for one last nostalgic show. There will also be shows on Sunday at 2 p.m. and on Monday at 10 a.m. The cost for the dinner theater is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. The cost for the matinee is \$5. Donations will be accepted for the Monday morning performance. The production is directed by Jeanne and Grady Williams.

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TODAY IN HISTORY- MAY 13

1842 - Composer Sir Arthur Sullivan was born. Along with William S. Gilbert, he wrote some of the most popular operettas in the history of the English theater, including "The Pirates of Penzance" and "The Mikado." Sullivan also composed the music for the hymn "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

1893 - Alvin "Shipwreck" Kelly was born. In the 1920's, he became the champion flagpole-sitter of all time. In 1930, he stayed atop a flagpole at Atlantic City, New Jersey, for more than 49 days.

1918 - The U.S. Postal Service issued the first airmail stamp.

1940 - Singer Ritchie Valens was born. His biggest hit record was "Donna." He died in the plane crash that took the lives of Buddy Holly and The Big Bopper.

1950 - Singer Stevie Wonder was born. His hit records include "You Are The Sunshine Of My Life" and "I Just Called To Say I Love You."