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# MORNING FAX™

## Today's News...This Morning

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Monday, June 2, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

### State & Local News

#### ◆ 2015 DISTINGUISHED YOUNG WOMAN CROWNED

Elizabeth Merriman is McMinn County's 2015 "Distinguished Young Woman". She received the prestigious title at Saturday night's annual presentation, which was sponsored by the Optimist Club of Athens. Other winners included: Peyton Ingram, Scholastic Achievement Award and Second Runner Up. Khya Allen, Kelli Knight Spirit Award. Anu Kumar, First Runner Up. Megan Walden, John Miller Practice Award, Physical Fitness Award, Talent Award, & Third Runner Up. Merriman is the daughter of Marshall and Cheryl Merriman of Athens and attends McMinn County High School. (Photo of Ms. Merriman is courtesy of the Athens Optimist Club)



#### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Today is the registration deadline for this year's United Way "Day of Caring". Volunteers will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday at the McMinn Senior Center and have a continental breakfast. They will depart to the various United Way partner agencies and provide the labor to fix, paint, clean, and help others. Lunch will also be provided. Call the United Way office at 745-9606 to register.

### WORLD & NATIONAL NEWS

◆ The only American soldier held prisoner in Afghanistan has been freed by the Taliban in exchange for the release of five terrorist detainees from the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Army Sergeant Bowe Bergdahl of Idaho, had been held for nearly five years and his release, following years of on-off negotiations, suddenly became possible after harder-line factions of the Afghan Taliban agreed to the swap.

◆ Philadelphia Inquirer co-owner Lewis Katz was killed along with six other people in a fiery plane crash in Massachusetts, just days after reaching a deal that many hoped would end months of infighting at the newspaper and help restore it to its former glory.

◆ President Obama is preparing to announce tougher new air quality standards. Opponents of the proposal say that the new federal regulations could jeopardize the jobs of thousands of workers and drive up the monthly electric bills of residents and businesses and will have a very minimal impact on the nation's air quality.

◆ A suspected French jihadist who spent time in Syria is in custody over the shooting deaths of three people at a Belgian Jewish museum. Security experts are fearful that European radicals are traveling to Syria and bringing terrorism back home.

◆ In Albuquerque, mysterious UFO's have appeared for four nights in a row on radar equipment. The National Weather Service thought their radar systems were malfunctioning, but it turns out they were working properly. The UFO's turned out to be millions of recently hatched grasshoppers that got caught in winds and were being carried as high as 1,000 feet above the ground.

**the Y** Group Swim Lessons  
Ages 4-14  
Two, 2 Week Sessions  
Each in June & July  
June 2-13 or June 16-27;  
July 7-18 or July 21-Aug. 1  
Class Times: 10am, 4:30pm &  
5:30pm - 45 minutes ea.  
Costs: Member, \$25;  
Non-Member, \$50  
**423-745-4904**

### RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT

**Michael's** TWO'S-DAY SPECIAL: Catfish for Two, \$12.95.  
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**Saturday, June 7**

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### WEATHER

**Monday** - Mostly sunny. A slight chance of rain. High-86.

**Mon. night** - Mostly cloudy. 20% rain chance. Low-64.

**Tuesday** - Mostly cloudy. 50% rain chance. High-mid 80's.

See our Zoom Radar at: [www.wyxi.com](http://www.wyxi.com)

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Athens, Tennessee

## NOW IT'S OFF TO AKRON

The 20th Anniversary running of the City of Athens Soap Box Derby was held on Saturday. Area youngsters competed in three divisions to see who will represent Athens at the 77th running of the All American International Soap Box Derby which will be held in Akron, Ohio on July 26th. Ashleigh Turner won the top spot in the Stock Division while Hannah Evans had the honors in the Super Stock Division. Robert Dennis will represent Athens in the Super Kids Division. (Photos courtesy of the Athens Parks and Recreation Department)



Super Stock Winners were: (L-R) Haley Robinson, 2nd place; Hannah Evans, 1st place; Landon Turner, 3rd place.



Stock Winners were: (L-R) Noah Snyder, 2nd place; Ashleigh Turner, 1st place; Skylar Webb, 3rd place.



## Obituaries

- **Leota Johnnie Lawson**, age 86, of Etowah, died last Friday at her residence. A funeral service will be held at noon today at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
- **F. Ray Swafford**, age 81, of Riceville, died last Friday at Starr Regional Medical Center in Etowah. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. at Ziegler.
- **Margie Blair Booker**, of Knoxville, passed away last Thursday at U.T. Medical Center. She is survived locally by a brother, Stanley Blair, and his wife Harriel. Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Unity Mortuary, 1425 McCalla Avenue in Knoxville, with visitation from 5 to 6 p.m., prior to the service.
- **Wesley Thomas Coleman**, age 43, of Etowah, died last Thursday at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio. A funeral service will be held at 8 p.m. Monday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Bordwine.
- **Odessa Underdown Winder**, age 79, of Athens, died Saturday at Skyridge Medical Center in Cleveland. She was associated with H.T. Hackney Company as a Bookkeeper for 45 years until her retirement. She was also an avid quilter. A funeral service will held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Smith.
- **Helen Marie Torbett Black**, age 65, of Athens, died last Thursday at her residence. She was a native and lifelong resident of McMinn County. Funeral services will be Monday at 8 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs.

### RUPTURED GAS LINE FORCES EVACUATION

Units from the Etowah and Englewood Rural Fire Departments responded to a natural gas leak Saturday afternoon around 3:30 p.m. The leak was located in the yard of a house at 152 County Road 812, just outside of the Etowah City Limits. As a precaution, the entire block was evacuated until the leak could be fixed. The gas division of Etowah Utilities Board responded to make the proper repairs while members of the Etowah Rural Fire Department stood by for protection. The resident told authorities that he was driving a Bobcat across his yard when the gas began leaking. He stated that he was not doing any digging though. Photo provided by Jay Thomson.



### IT'S OUR 17th ANNIVERSARY !!

The MORNING FAX™ was launched on June 2nd, 1997. When we began, the MORNING FAX™ was distributed to about 800 Fax Machines. Within a year, we began providing an email version to around 100 email subscribers and added several hundred more fax machines. Over the years, we have expanded our publication to include color photos, hyperlinks, and an additional page. Now, the MORNING FAX™ is distributed to multiple thousands of email recipients, is downloaded from our website, and is accessed through Facebook. We know that many of you forward our publication to those listed in your email address books because we receive new subscribers almost every day. We thank you sincerely for reading the MORNING FAX™ and for recommending it to your friends and family members. It is now read all over the world. A big thanks to our advertisers, supporters, and other contributors to our publication. The MORNING FAX™ will always be provided as a free service of **WYXI RADIO**, our parent company.

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