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Tuesday, May 19, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

State and Local News

◆ MAN CHARGED IN MURDER FOR HIRE CASE

An Athens man, 47-year-old Charles David Johnson, has been arrested on charges of plotting to have his wife murdered. McMinn County Sheriff Joe Guy says Timothy Ryan called authorities last Friday evening and said he had been approached by Johnson with a scheme to murder Johnson's wife. He said the plan involved Ryan renting a moving van type truck. At a designated time, he was supposed to crash into Mrs. Johnson's car on a back road while she was driving home from work. He was then supposed to douse her car with gasoline and set it on fire. Detectives arrested Johnson and charged him with conspiracy to commit 1st degree murder and solicitation to commit 1st degree murder. He was booked into the McMinn County Jail on \$100,000 bond.



◆ THERE'S BEARS IN THE ATHENS AREA

Now that warm weather is here, the bears are on the move. There have been reports of bear sightings in the Athens area the past three nights. Early Monday, 911 dispatchers received a call about a bear that was spotted in the vicinity of County Road 256 and Highway 305. Saturday night, a call came in about a bear on County Road 260. Last Friday night, dispatchers got a call from someone who had spotted a bear on Ingleside Avenue in Athens. Authorities say if you see a bear, leave it alone and do not attempt to approach it.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ The FBI says there was "no evidence" of damage caused by a firearm to the windshield of derailed Amtrak 188 which crashed in Philadelphia on the night of May 12th.
- ◆ Jerusalem Day celebrations erupted into clashes on Sunday at the Damascus Gate, where thousands of Israelis entered the Muslim Quarter for an annual flag march to the Western Wall.
- ◆ An alleged hacking incident involving security expert, Chris Roberts, has raised questions about the prospect of someone remotely taking over aircraft cockpit controls. Roberts told investigators that he hacked a plane's in-flight entertainment system 15 to 20 times and was also able to cause the engines to rev up, which allegedly led to "a lateral or sideways movement of the plane." Roberts describes himself as an ethical hacker and his expertise is not to take down a plane, but to make sure that it doesn't happen.

INGLESIDE POOL OPENS FRIDAY

The Athens Parks Department announces the opening of the Ingleside Pool this Friday, May 22nd, at 12:15 p.m. Pool hours of operation will be Monday through Saturday from 12:15 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. The pool will close at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday. Sunday hours are 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Opening day is free to all attendees. After that, pool rates are \$2 for people under 18 and senior citizens and \$3 for adults over 18.

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WEATHER
Tuesday - Partly sunny. 30% rain. High - lower to mid 80's.
Tuesday night - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid to upper 50's.
Wednesday - Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80's. More Weather & Zoom Radar at: www.wyxi.com

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Restaurant Inspection Scores

The following restaurants in Athens were inspected between April 17th and May 12th. A score of 70 and above is passing.

- The Dairy Barn - 100**
- Hardee's White Street - 98**
- El Charro - 98**
- Bojangles - 97**
- Hardee's, Congress Pkway - 97**
- Sonic - 97**
- Zaxby's - 96**
- Brownie's - 96**
- Wendy's - 96**
- Little Caesars - 96**
- Firehouse Subs - 95**
- Captain D's - 93**
- Joe's Italian Cuisine - 92**

Obituaries

- **Paul Joseph Koonce**, age 40, of Athens died last Thursday at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Companion Funeral Home in Cleveland is in charge of arrangements.
- **Grace Hoggard Lowe**, age 76, of Athens died Sunday at her residence. She retired after 22 years of service as Office Manager for ARA Food Service. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT:

U.S. stocks closed slightly higher as corporate deals offset a stronger dollar. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 18,298.88, up 26.32 from its open, a new record high. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 6.47 at 2129.2, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 30.15 at 5,078.44.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Athens City Council holds its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Municipal Building. The public is invited to attend.
- ✓ The monthly fish fry sponsored by the American Legion Post #68 will be this Friday, May 22, from 5 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. The event is open to the public. The price is \$9 per person for all you can eat. Proceeds help to support the I-75 Exit-49 flag display.

TODAY IN HISTORY-MAY 19

- 1536** - Anne Boleyn, the second wife of England's King Henry VIII, was beheaded after being convicted of adultery.
- 1921** - Congress passed the Emergency Quota Act, which established national quotas for immigrants.
- 1932** - Congressman Claude Fuller of Arkansas introduced a resolution to require all officers and employees of the U.S. government to know the national anthem. His resolution would have required each Civil Service employee to prove his ability to sing, recite, or write from memory the words of the Star Spangled Banner. Anyone who failed would not be eligible for appointment to any federal position. The resolution died in a House committee.
- 1935** - T.E. Lawrence, also known as "Lawrence of Arabia," died in England from injuries sustained in a motorcycle crash. He was a British soldier in World War One who fought for Arabia.
- 1940** - Singer and songwriter Mickey Newbury (Newberry) was born. His most popular song was his arrangement of three songs—"Dixie," "All My Trials," and "Battle Hymn of the Republic"-into a song he called "An American Triloguy."
- 1993** - The Clinton White House set off a political storm by firing the entire staff of its travel office.



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