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State & Local News

♦ FIRE DESTROYS HAY BALER

A tractor, hay baler, and several rolls of hay caught fire Monday evening on County Road 515 in Englewood. The Englewood and Niota Rural Fire Departments responded. (Photo by Lynn Ingram)



◆ LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT IN 20 YEARS

The unemployment rate in McMinn County in May was 3.3%, down from 4.3% in April. In Meigs County, the May jobless rate was 3.9%, down from 4.7%. Monroe County posted an unemployment rate of 3.1% in May, down from 4.0% in April. Tennessee's county unemployment rate was the lowest in 20 years. The unemployment rate was down in 94 counties. Rhea County had the state's highest jobless rate, 5.1%.

National & World News

• President Trump invited Republican senators to the White House on Tuesday amid problems securing enough support for a procedural vote that would advance the Senate's health care bill. Trump stated that he accepts the Senate health care bill may not come to a vote this week. "This will be great if we get it done, and if we don't get it done it's just going to be something that we're not going to like, and that's OK, and I understand that very well."

◆ A massive cyberattack that freezes computers and demands a ransom to open them has hit companies in the U.S. and elsewhere around the world. The American targets were Merck pharmaceutical company in New Jersey; the Mondelez food company, which produces Oreo cookies; and a major multinational law firm, DLA Piper.

◆ California fire officials issued evacuation warnings for some residents in Riverside County Monday night after a car crash ignited a 5,000-acre brush fire in a remote area about 80 miles east of Los Angeles.

AUB WARNS OF UTILITY SCAM

Athens Utilities Board has issued a warning to local business owners and homeowners about another utility scam that is making the rounds. Multiple AUB customers have reported receiving calls saying their power was about to be turned off unless they made payments on the spot, over the phone. The scam artist claimed to "work for the utility company." AUB's Wayne Scarbrough says AUB never makes such calls demanding immediate payment over the phone. He says hang up if you get such a call and report it to AUB and to police.





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Restaurant Inspection Scores

The following Athens restaurants were inspected between June 7th and 15th. There were no failures.

Open Door Café - 100

Cracker Barrel - 99

Jenkins Grill & Market - 98

Joe's Italian Cuisine - 98

Gondolier - 98

Wing Spot - 98

Western Sizzlin' - 97

Michael's of Athens - 97

Shoney's - 97

Waffle House - 96

Cook Out - 96

Obituaries

• Connie L. Moore, age 42, of Decatur, died Sunday at Starr Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home of Athens.

• **Brandon D.** Thomas, age 25, of Calhoun, died Monday. A celebration of his life will be Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at Candies Creek Baptist Church located at 294 old Eureka Road in Charleston with visitation from 11 a.m. at the church. Companion Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

• **Doyle Lee Puett**, age 62, of Etowah, died last Saturday at Blount Memorial Hospital in Maryville. He had been employed at Choate Printing since 1974. A celebration of life and home going was held Tuesday night at Serenity Funeral Home. The committal service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Cog Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.

• George Rogers, age 90, of Riceville, died Tuesday at his residence. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

• Meredith Womac, age 35, of Niota, died Monday at Sweetwater Hospital. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

• **Grover Hennessee**, age 89, of Athens, died Tuesday at NHC. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home of Athens.

• Melissa Monnette Gooch Bradfield, age 59, of Decatur, died Monday at her home. Memorial services will be Thursday at 8 p.m. at Bowers Funeral Home with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.

