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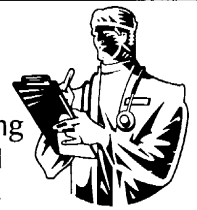
Friday-September 2, 2011

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Today's News...This Morning

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STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ FIRE DAMAGES NONABURG HOUSE

A fire early Thursday caused \$100,000 damage to a house owned by James Powell on County Road 461 in the Nonaburg Community. Firefighters from Englewood and Etowah Rural Fire Departments fought the blaze, assisted by Claxton Rural Fire Dept. and the Notchey Creek VFD from Monroe County. The fire started in the rear of the home and spread into the attic. (Photo by Jay Thomson)



◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The annual Labor Day Benefit BBQ Dinner will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Riceville Fire Department, 3920 Highway 11 South. Carla Jo Carr and the Silver Wings Band & other groups will perform. Proceeds benefit the Riceville Fire Department.
- ✓ The Mid-East Regional Fair continues at the Athens Regional Park today and tomorrow. Gates open at 6 p.m. today and at 11 a.m. on Saturday.
- ✓ Monday is Labor Day. All government offices will be closed. Monday's residential garbage collections in Athens will be on Tuesday. **The MORNING FAX™** will not publish on Monday.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ The tiff over the timing of President Barack Obama's job speech to Congress offers little hope that Republicans and the White House will now find common ground on how to reduce the nation's painfully high unemployment. In fact, some Democrats say it's time Obama stopped trying so hard to negotiate.
 - ◆ Major oil and gas producers in the Gulf of Mexico shut down offshore platforms and evacuated workers on Thursday ahead of a storm brewing offshore that could become a tropical storm.
 - ◆ Stocks traded mixed on Thursday after a report that manufacturing expanded at a slower rate in August. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed down 119.96 at 11,493.57.
 - ◆ Moammar Gadhafi warned from hiding in a new audio message Thursday that forces loyal to him are well-armed and preparing to keep fighting. The rebels claim they are closing in on the former Libyan dictator.
 - ◆ In Southwest Florida, a 90-year-old woman's leg had to be amputated after she was attacked by an alligator near her home. A passerby rescued her as the gator tried to drag her into a canal.
- FOOTBALL: MCHS plays at Rhea County. McMinn Central travels to Polk County. Meigs County plays at Sequoyah and Tennessee hosts Montana Saturday at 6pm on PPV.**

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"Clerk-In-A-Box"

We're all familiar with the child's toy known as a "Jack-in-the-Box." Now, McMinn County Clerk Evonne Hoback has topped that with something she calls a "Clerk In The Box." Every second week of each month, personnel from the County Clerk's office will be at various locations throughout the county with a laptop computer. Using the computer (known as the "Clerk In The Box"), you'll be able to renew your vehicle tags without having to go to the Clerk's office in the County Annex.



On Monday, Sept. 12, the "Clerk In The Box" will be at the Niota Community Center from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. On Sept. 13, the "Clerk" will be at the Englewood Community Center. On Wednesday, the location is Etowah City Hall. And on Thursday of that week, you can renew your tags at the Bowater Employees Credit Union in Calhoun.

Ms. Hoback urges residents to take advantage of this new county service and renew your tags in your community.

Obituaries

Fay J. (Jack) Douglas, age 89, of Athens (formerly of Pontiac, Michigan) died Thursday at his home. He retired from the Pontiac Fire Department as a captain. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Josie June Moore Teague, 80, of Riceville died Tuesday. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs.

Church News & Events

- Deborah's of Destiny International Ministries presents "A Time To Give Birth" for women of all denominations at 9 a.m. Saturday at Greater Deliverance Ministries, 2329 Clearwater Road, Athens. The program features Minister Beverly McCowan Campbell. For information, call 423-745-7575.

- Memorial Hospital's Mobile Mammography Coach will be at the Overcoming Faith Christian Center on Saturday, Sept. 10th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is no charge if you are not insured. There will also be blood sugar, blood pressure, and vision screenings. Call 423-381-9087 for information.

- The Men's Group from Trinity United Methodist Church will give away bags of green beans beginning at 9 a.m. today at the Cooke Ministry Center on Walter Street in Athens.

- Eastanallee Baptist Church will present a live simulcast of Beth Moore on Saturday, Sept. 10th, at 10:30 a.m. To reserve a spot, call 423-462-2620.

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WEATHER

Friday - Sunny. Near record highs of mid to upper 90's.

Friday night - Mostly clear. Low-upper 60's.

Saturday - Partly cloudy. 20% rain chance. High-mid 90's.

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