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Local & State News

◆ **SINGLE VEHICLE CRASH CLAIMS ATHENS MAN**
 Michael C. Pell, age 36, of Athens, was killed early Saturday morning in a single vehicle crash on County Road 172. According to the THP, the 2000 Jeep Wrangler SUV that Pell was driving, left the road and struck the wooden porch of a double-wide mobile home. There were no other passengers and no other injuries reported. Pell's obituary appears on page 2.

◆ **MEIGS COUNTY MAN DROWNS IN TENN. RIVER**
 Brian Coulter, age 29, died late Friday night when the SUV he was driving plunged into the Tennessee River near Blythe's Ferry. A young woman who was with Coulter survived the incident. The woman told the Meigs County Sheriff's Department that Coulter was able to kick-out a window in the SUV allowing both of them to escape the sinking vehicle. She was able to swim to shore, but Coulter did not make it. Workers at the nearby Cherokee Indian memorial found the woman Saturday morning in a disoriented state and contacted authorities. Rescuers found the woman's wet clothing on the shore and that led them to the submerged SUV and Coulter's body several hours later. The woman, who has not been identified, was taken to the Rhea County Medical Center.

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NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ Joe Paterno Jr., whose glittering career as Penn State's football coach was tainted by a child sex-abuse scandal, died Sunday at the age of 85. Paterno coached the Nittany Lions for 46 years and in 2011 became the winningest coach in Division 1 football.

◆ Newt Gingrich won the South Carolina Republican Presidential primary Saturday, receiving 40.4% of the votes cast. Mitt Romney got 27.8%, Rick Santorum got 17.0% and Ron Paul got 13.0%.

◆ Rep. James Clyburn D-SC, a former House Majority Whip and member of the Congressional Black Caucus, said that Newt Gingrich won the South Carolina primary by trying to appeal to racist tendencies in certain voters when he portrays President Obama as the "best food-stamp president we've ever had."

◆ Postage rates have increased again. Today it will cost 45¢ to mail a first class letter. The cost of mailing a postcard will increase 3¢ to 32¢. The cost of mailing letters to Canada and Mexico will rise 5¢ to 85¢ and the cost of mailing a letter to other countries will increase 7¢ to \$1.05. "Forever" stamps are immune to the increase.

◆ Representative Gabrielle Giffords, shot in the head during a shooting spree in Tucson, Arizona, last year, said Sunday she will step down this week from Congress to focus on her recovery.

◆ Doctors in Oak Lawn, Illinois removed a 3¼ inch nail from the skull of Dante Autullo over the weekend. Autullo was in his workshop using a nail gun last Tuesday when it recoiled near his head. It left a small wound beside his ear. He started feeling ill on Friday and went to a hospital where the nail was discovered in an x-ray.



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Athens, Tennessee

LARGE TRAILER FIRE

A fire involving two unoccupied trailers about a half mile off County Road 750 Saturday night, lit up the sky. Claxton and Calhoun Fire Departments responded first and then Etowah Rural was paged. Approximately 20 firefighters from 3 departments had to be used to bring the fire under control, which took about 3 hours. Photo by Jay Thomson.



Obituaries

Addie "Sue" Brown Landreth, age 84, of Etowah died last Thursday at NHC Health Care of Athens. Funeral services were held Sunday at Bordwine Funeral Home.

Mary Nell "Tootie" Rogers, age 78, of Etowah died last Wednesday at Etowah Health Care. Funeral services were held on Saturday at Bordwine Funeral Home.

Willa May "Billie" Brooks, age 92, of Thomasville, Georgia (formerly of Englewood) died last Wednesday. She was a World War II veteran. Funeral services were held on Saturday at Bordwine Funeral Home.

James P. "Snowball" Brown, age 86, of Englewood died last Thursday at McMinn Memorial Nursing Home. He was retired from Alcoa and had served in the U.S. Marine Corps. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Sunrise Cemetery. Funeral arrangements will be by Bordwine Funeral Home.

Michael Charles Pell, age 36, of Athens, died Saturday morning. He was employed in light construction with Jason Case and Jim Bob Contracting. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel of Smith Funeral and Cremation Service with visitation from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home.



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Today In History - - January 23

1719 - The principality of Liechtenstein was constituted on this date. The tiny country is located in a valley in the Alps between Austria and Switzerland. It occupies only 61 square miles.

1737 - John Hancock, the first signer of the Declaration of Independence, was born. He became famous for his bold signature. Even today, when a man signs a document, he is said to have written his "John Hancock."

1968 - North Korean forces seized the U.S. spy ship Pueblo, the first American naval vessel captured at sea since 1812. The 82 crew members and one body were released after 10 months of secret negotiations.

1973 - President Richard Nixon announced an accord had been reached to end the Vietnam War.

2002 - Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl was abducted in Karachi, Pakistan, by a group demanding the return of prisoners from the Afghan war. (He was later beheaded and video of the killing was shown on TV)

WEATHER

Monday - Partly cloudy. 40% rain & t'storms. High-57.

Mon. night - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s.

Tuesday - Sunny. Highs in the upper 50s.

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