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Monday-May 28, 2012

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ GOVERNOR SALUTES FALLEN HEROES

Governor Haslam observed the Memorial Day holiday by presenting flowers and medals to survivors of seven Tennesseans who were killed fighting for their country. One of those receiving a Tennessee Fallen Heroes Medal and an iris (the state flower) from the governor was Tennessee Highway Patrol Sgt. Lowell Russell, who had raised Lance Cpl. Franklin Namon Watson of Vonore. (Photo at right) Watson was killed in Afghanistan last September. Trooper Russell was still wearing a neck brace from injuries suffered in March when his patrol car was hit by a truck on Interstate 40 in Knoxville. Russell told the governor he is "getting a little better every day."



◆ NEW BUSINESS TO OPEN IN OLD BI-LO STORE

The old Bi-Lo building in Athens has been empty for several years in the Congress Crossing Shopping Center, but not for long. A sporting goods store, Dunham Sports, plans to open at the Bi-Lo store. Dunham Sports is headquartered in Michigan and has stores in 13 states. Dunham Sports plans to have around 32,000 square feet of sales area in its Athens store. Dunham Sports hopes to have its new store open by September.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ An Italian heart surgeon has implanted a tiny titanium pump, the world's smallest artificial heart, in a baby, at the Bambino Gesù' Hospital in Rome. The pump, about the size of a small finger, kept the child alive until it could receive a heart transplant.

◆ The USS Iowa, the famed battleship that saw action during World War II and the Korean War and carried President Franklin D. Roosevelt to a wartime summit, traveled along the California coast Sunday on its final voyage. It is being towed from San Francisco Bay to its new home in Southern California and will become a floating museum.

◆ ABC News' George Will called Donald Trump a "bloviating ignoramus," questioning why presumptive Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney is associating with the real estate mogul, who once again has questioned President Obama's birthplace. Will made the statement on ABC's "This Week".

◆ Tropical Storm Beryl is causing officials in Georgia and Florida to brace for drenching rains and driving winds. Campers at Cumberland Island, which is reachable only by boat, were told to leave by 4:45 p.m. Sunday. The island has a number of undeveloped beaches and forests popular with campers.

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WEATHER

Monday - Mostly sunny. 20% rain & t'storms. High-89.
Mon. night - Mostly cloudy. 20% rain & t'storms. Low-69.
Tuesday - Mostly cloudy. 50% rain & t'storms. High-88.
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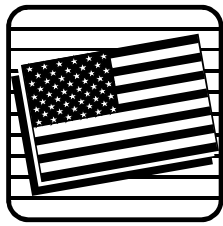
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Athens, Tennessee

FCA 2012 GRADUATES

Fairview Christian Academy had their graduation ceremony last Friday night. The school had 6 seniors graduate this year. In the photo (L-R) Kenneth Alex Donegan, Lindsey Gilliard, Nicholas Aaron Smith, Kayla Darlene King, Gregory Andrew Wiseman, & Bailie Roy.



Obituaries

Keith Mitchell, age 77, of Etowah died last Thursday at Woods Memorial Hospital. Graveside services were held on Saturday. Bordwine Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

John T. Baker, age 68, of the Lamontville Community near Calhoun, died Saturday at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral and Cremation Service.

MORE LOCAL NEWS

- Athens Police investigated an armed robbery at Check Into Cash around 12:30 Friday afternoon. The robber entered the store with a handgun and demanded money. He demanded the employees hand-over an unspecified amount of cash and then forced them to the rear of the business. The robber held a bag over his face. He was described as a white male of about 170 pounds and was wearing a blue hooded shirt, dark ballcap, mirrored sunglasses and had gray hair. Chattanooga Police reported a similar robbery at a Check Into Cash store in their city about 1½ hours later.
- The McMinn County Sheriff's Department investigated a death around 5:30 p.m. Saturday on County Road 214. The initial call indicated that a bush-hog had run over the victim. However, the medical examiner determined that the victim had apparently suffered a fatal heart attack, fell from his tractor, where the bush hog, which was unengaged, rolled over him. The victim was identified as L. R. Boyd of Athens.

WHEN RADIO WAS

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6:05-7 pm Nightly
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Two recent wrecks sent several people to area hospitals. In the first wreck, Jason Martin lost control of his white 2006 Ford Explorer on County Road 550 Friday afternoon. He was ejected from the SUV and was lying in the middle of the road when emergency responders arrived. He was flown by AirEvac to Erlanger in Chattanooga. Etowah Rescue Squad and Englewood Rural Fire responded to the scene.



embankment. He was transported to AirEvac's heliport in Etowah and then airlifted to Erlanger. Etowah & Englewood Rural Fire responded to the scene.

Photos by Jay Thomson

In the second wreck, Clayton Tiberband of Ooltewah, was riding a Honda motorcycle westbound on Highway 39E in the Liberty Hill Community Saturday, when he lost control of the bike, was ejected and landed down an

