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Friday-January 10, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

LOCAL & AREA NEWS

◆ PATIENT CHARGED WITH HITTING DENTIST

A McMinn County man is facing charges after allegedly assaulting an Athens dentist. Police say George Lasher, 65, became upset after being told he could not pay a \$15 dollar co-pay with a check, but would have to use cash or a credit card. When Lasher walked out without paying, Dr. Charles Pesce followed him to his car. Police say at that point, Lasher punched Dr. Pesce in the face and then struck him with his vehicle before fleeing the scene. Lasher was charged with aggravated assault. Dr. Pesce received minor injuries and refused medical treatment.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Oscar Mayer Wienermobile will stop by Athens this coming Sunday. The famous hotdog-shaped vehicle will be at the Walmart from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Sunday.
- ✓ The Starr Regional Diabetes Support Group will meet next Thursday, January 16th, in the Physicians Dining Room in Athens at 6 p.m. The discussion will include ways to better your life and future by managing diabetes, not allowing diabetes to manage you. For more information, call Milli Tallent at 744-3249.
- ✓ The Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for Business Person of the Year and the R. Frank McKinney Volunteer of the Year Award. These awards are given to those who have made long lasting contributions to the community during the past year. Submit nominations to the Chamber office by January 24th.

NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS

- ◆ During the past five years, airlines have ordered more than 8,200 new planes with manufacturers Airbus SAS and The Boeing Co. making this the largest jet-buying spree in the history of aviation. The new planes allow the airlines to save on fuel, while offering passengers more amenities, some of course, for a fee.
- ◆ Julia Navarro, 58, who's serving as a gestational surrogate for her daughter and son-in-law, is scheduled to give birth in a few weeks to her first grandchild. Her daughter, Lorena McKinnon and her husband had struggled with fertility problems for years and after about a dozen miscarriages, the mother offered to become a surrogate mother for her daughter. The couple's first child will be a girl.
- ◆ New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie apologized to his constituents and said he was "embarrassed and humiliated" by his staff but had no idea anyone around him had engineered traffic jams to get even with a Democratic mayor. Christie fired one of his top aides, Deputy Chief of Staff Bridget Anne Kelly because he claims she lied to him.
- ◆ The 13-year-old California girl who was declared brain dead after suffering complications from sleep apnea surgery now has feeding and breathing tubes that her family had been fighting for. Doctors inserted the gastric tube and tracheostomy tube successfully and Jahi is getting the treatment that her family believes she should have gotten 28 days ago, when doctors at Children's Hospital in Oakland first declared her brain dead.
- ◆ Despite Colorado's new state law legalizing recreational use and possession of marijuana, the Denver International Airport has banned marijuana from its facility because it is on the list of TSA's prohibited items. First time offenders could be fined up to \$150.00 and subsequent offences may lead to fines of \$500 and \$999.

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Church News & Events

- John Lanier will be singing at 6 p.m. this Sunday at Pope Avenue Baptist Church in Athens.
- Barry Rowland and Deliverance will sing at Victory Baptist Church, Highway 11 North, Niota, this Sunday at 6 p.m.
- Starting January 19th, Athens First Baptist Church will be holding Sunday morning services at Athens City Middle School for approximately eight weeks due to construction work on the church building. Sunday School will be at 9:30 a.m. and the worship service will be at 10:45 a.m.
- Voice of Deliverance Church of God in Christ will hold a prophetic revival January 15th through 17th at 7:30 nightly. The speaker will be Superintendent James Summers from Atlanta. The church is located at 520 Old Riceville Road in Athens.

~An Englewood woman, Nikki Rickman, narrowly escaped disaster when her vehicle suddenly caught fire while she was refueling it at the Englewood BP on Hwy 411 Thursday. The flames were put out with a fire extinguisher. Englewood fire fighters responded to the scene. The cause of the blaze was unknown, but was thought to be due to static electricity as Rickman was not smoking. In the photo by Jay Thomson, Rickman's husband is seen inspecting the damage to his wife's vehicle.



Obituaries

Leon Emil "Lee" Vojtech, age 81, of Athens died Tuesday at his home. A memorial mass will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Mary Catholic Church. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

CLOSINGS: The Etowah City Hall and Etowah Carnegie Public Library will be closed Friday due to water issues. The City of Etowah extends their apologies for any inconvenience.

GREAT WAY TO START THE DAY

In case you missed the gorgeous sunrise in Athens Thursday morning, here's a photo taken by Melonie Carideo.



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