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Wednesday, May 14, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ DIPLOMA TIME IS HERE

High school seniors will be walking across the stage to receive their diplomas this coming weekend. Graduation exercises at McMinn Central High School will be this coming Friday at 7 p.m. McMinn County High School's graduation will be Saturday at 9:30 a.m. Meigs County High School seniors graduate this Saturday at 10 a.m. Fairview Christian Academy will hold its graduation program on Friday, May 23rd, at 7 p.m.

◆ AUB TO BLOCK DENNIS STREET

Power crews from Athens Utilities Board will close a short section of Dennis Street near Walmart tomorrow night so they can tie together three circuits. AUB spokesman Wayne Scarbrough says the work will allow AUB crews to switch to another circuit in the event of outages. Dennis Street will be closed from Highway 30 to the lower entrance at Walmart from 9:30 p.m. tomorrow night until around 1:30 Friday morning.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce's next "Business Before Hours" will be Thursday, May 15, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. at Amedisys Hospice, 614 Congress Parkway North in Athens.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ The Australian government plans to spend 90 million Australian dollars in its search for the missing Malaysian airliner.

◆ Two health workers at a Florida hospital exposed to a patient with Middle East Respiratory Syndrome have begun showing flu-like symptoms. The health of 20 healthcare workers who had been in contact with the patient is being monitored. This is the second confirmed case of MERS in the United States. This raises concerns about the ability of global health authorities to contain the mysterious and deadly virus. Most of the confirmed cases are in Saudi Arabia.

◆ A man claiming to be God rammed a truck through the front of a Baltimore-area television station, leaving a gaping hole. He drove right through the doors and into the main lobby area. Police took him into custody about five hours later.

◆ In a landmark ruling that could rock the Internet search-engine industry, Europe's highest court said Tuesday that people are entitled to some control over what pops up when their name is Googled.

SPORTS NEWS: The Tennessee Wesleyan College men's baseball team lost to LSU-Alexandria by a score of 8-2 in the opening round of the NAIA National Baseball Championship tournament in Daytona Beach, Florida, on Tuesday.

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FCA GIRLS WIN STATE TITLE

The girls basketball team at Fairview Christian Academy was honored at the FCA Athletic Banquet last week. The Varsity Boys Basketball team was honored for earning 2nd place in the TAACS State tournament. The Varsity Girls Basketball team was honored for winning the TAACS State Championship. The photo below shows the Girls team receiving their banner. Back row: (L-R) Sandy McElhaney, Corissa Sweatt, Abby Ranck, Erica Massaro, Alyson Ranck, Abigail Newberry, and Ashley Rogers. Front row: (L-R) Rachel Newberry, Kyla Jewell, and Sindy McElhaney. The coaches are Joe McElhaney and Loring Rogers.



Obituaries

Charles E. Caylor, age 90, of Athens died Monday at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

Larry Lee Larson, age 71, of Etowah died last Friday. He had served in the Navy, and he and his wife operated the Cherokee Inn in Greasy Creek area near Reliance for about 15 years. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 19.97 at 16,715.44. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 0.80 at 1,897.45, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 13.69 at 4,130.17.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

- ✓ The McMinn/Meigs Ag Roundtable will meet Thursday, May 15th, at 7 a.m. at Shoney's. Alice Rhea, Agri-records specialist, will be the guest speaker.
- ✓ The annual U.S. 11 Yardsale gets underway tomorrow and continues through Sunday. It covers 502 miles from Meridian, Mississippi to Bristol, Tennessee, which is known as "Antique Alley."
- ✓ The Community Artists League will receive entries at E.G. Fisher Public Library on May 30th from 4 to 6 p.m. for its June Open Show. The show is open to artists living within 100 miles of Athens. The entry fee is \$25 for up to two pieces per artist. For more information, call Susan Ector Ward at 333-5388.



WEATHER
Wednesday - Mostly cloudy. 60% rain & t'storms. High - upper 70's to lower 80's.
Wed. night - Near 100% rain & heavy t'storms. Low - 63.
Thursday - Much cooler. 80% rain & heavy t'storms. High - mid to upper 60's.
 See our Zoom Radar at: www.wxyi.com

Today In History - May 14th

- 1686** - Gabriel Fahrenheit, a German physicist, was born. He developed the Fahrenheit temperature scale. He made the thermometer more accurate by using mercury instead of alcohol in the tube.
- 1904** - The Olympic Games were held in the United States for the first time. They took place in St. Louis.
- 1936** - Singer Bobby Darin was born. His hit records included "Mack The Knife," "Beyond The Sea," and "Splish Splash".
- 1942** - Congress established the WAACS (The Women's Auxiliary Army Corps) for duty in World War II.
- 1948** - Israel became an independent country on this date as the last British troops left Palestine.
- 1988** - Twenty-seven young people from Kentucky died when the driver of a pickup truck collided with their church bus on an interstate highway. The young people were returning from a church outing at an amusement park. The driver of the pickup was intoxicated.

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