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Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ DRUG TASK FORCE GETS GOOD REPORT

The State Comptroller's office has issued its annual review of funds administered by District Attorneys and Judicial District Drug Task Forces in Tennessee's 31 judicial districts. The 10th Judicial Drug Task Force, which includes McMinn County, got a good report with no material findings or recommendations. However, discrepancies were found in five districts. The 1st Judicial Drug Task Force had a cash shortage of \$1,999. In the 2nd district the records for seized cash were not maintained properly. In the 3rd district, drug evidence seized by the task force was missing and there was a cash shortage of \$1,700. And there were also deficiencies in the 15th and 23rd Judicial districts.

◆ HABITAT DEDICATES ANOTHER HOME

Habitat for Humanity of McMinn County dedicated a new home at 1305 Hammer Hill Road this past Saturday. Volunteers built the house and Roxann Robinson and her two children will make it a home. The photo shows Sarah Prince, Habitat's Board President on the left presenting a gift to Ms. Robinson.



NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ The Libyan militant suspected in the deadly Sept. 11, 2012 attack on Americans in Benghazi, Ahmed Abu Khattala, was not a difficult man to find. Khattala lived openly and freely in the eastern Libyan city until Sunday when he was nabbed by U.S. forces. This is the first U.S. apprehension of an alleged perpetrator in the assault that killed U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans. Khattala is being held in an undisclosed location outside of Libya and will be tried in U.S. courts.

◆ Millions of young rainbow and steelhead trout are being evacuated from California's most productive fish hatchery complex due to summer heat and the state's ongoing drought, which makes the water too warm for them to survive.

◆ An Al-Jazeera Arabic service journalist, 26-year-old Abdullah Elshamy, who had been on a hunger strike for more than four months to protest his prolonged detention without charges in Egypt, has been released. Elshamy's detention was related to the sweeping crackdown on Islamist supporters of ousted President Mohammed Morsi since the military overthrew him last year. The network was accused by Egyptian officials of supporting Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood.

◆ Ooops! In Rhode Island, a developer who mistakenly built a \$1.8 million waterfront house on land owned by the Rose Nulman Park Foundation has been ordered to remove it. The land was set up by the foundation to preserve the property as a park in perpetuity. A judge will decide how much time the developer has to remove the house.

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WEATHER
Wednesday - Mostly sunny. Slight chance of rain. Highs in the lower to mid 90's
Wednesday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60's.
Thursday - Mostly sunny. 20% rain & t'storms in P.M. Highs in the lower 90's.
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Athens, Tennessee

Feeding the Birds!

The children who attended Monday's Summer Reading Program at the Etowah Carnegie Library learned about birds and had the chance to make a birdfeeder. Today, Mr. Bond the Science Guy will be performing at the Gem Theater at 1 p.m. In the photo below, L-R, Skylar Bright, Lilly Spann and Candler Pruitt are shown making a birdfeeder as part of the library's "Backyard Biology: It's For the Birds!" program.
(Photo by Lorie Waters, Library Director)



Obituaries

Mattie Priest Quintrell, age 91, of Athens, died last Saturday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. She was a native of Woodstock, Georgia, and had lived in Athens for three years. Memorial services will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 6 p.m.

Esther Mae Raper, age 77, of Englewood, died Tuesday at her home. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Zion Hill Baptist Church, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks closed up for the day despite a cost-of-living increase and the Federal Reserve beginning its two-day policy meeting in Washington. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 27.48 at 16,808.49. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 4.21 at 1,941.99, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 16.13 at 4,337.23.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Diabetes Support Group will host a program about Diabetic Retinopathy called "What you need to know to protect your vision" on Thursday, June 19, at 6 p.m. in the Physicians Dining Room at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. The program will feature Drs. Travis McDonald and Matthew Lowrance. For information, call Milli Tallent at 744-3249.
- ✓ The Sounds of Summer concert at Market Park in downtown Athens this Saturday at 7 p.m. will feature the Sweet Georgia Sound. The concert is free.

We encourage you to e-mail announcements of community events, church news, or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax. If you take a newsworthy photograph, send it to us at:
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TODAY IN HISTORY - JUNE 18th

- 1812** - The U.S. declared war on Britain during a dispute over shipping rights. Due to the lack of quick communications, the war was declared after Britain had stated it would repeal the laws which the U.S. disliked.
- 1815** - Napoleon met his Waterloo. Britain's Duke of Wellington defeated Napoleon at Waterloo in Belgium.
- 1873** - Suffragist Susan B. Anthony was fined \$100 for attempting to vote in the 1872 presidential election.
- 1917** - Actor Richard Boone ("Have Gun, Will Travel") was born. He died Jan. 10, 1981.
- 1942** - Paul McCartney, one of the Beatles, was born in Liverpool, England. He went solo in 1970 and had such hits as "My Love" and "Silly Love Songs."
- 1972** - Hurricane Agnes came ashore in Florida and caused devastating floods from North Carolina to New York. A total of 122 people were killed.
- 1983** - The U.S. Space Shuttle Challenger was launched into orbit from Cape Canaveral, Florida. Astronaut Sally Ride became the first American woman in space.

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