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Monday, August 31, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

## LOCAL & STATE NEWS

### ◆ BURGLARIES IN TWO COUNTIES SOLVED

McMinn and Monroe County sheriff's officers have arrested two suspects in a series of burglaries, and have recovered an estimated \$60,000 in stolen property. Sheriff Joe Guy says the events began last Wednesday afternoon when a mail carrier reported a suspicious maroon Ford pickup truck behind a residence on County Rd. 568. It was seen later near the scene of a burglary on County Rd. 550. Deputy Todd Levi spotted the truck pulling a trailer in Athens and stopped it, detaining the two men inside. They are identified as Mark Dockery of Englewood and Anthony Shane Jirles of Athens. Officers determined that several electronic items in the truck had been stolen from the residence on County Road 550. Sheriff Guy says an investigation determined that the two men had committed a series of burglaries on County Roads 210, 252, 550, and 561, and at least one in Athens.

Monroe County also connected the men to several burglaries in their county. Authorities are seeking anyone who can identify several 4-wheelers recovered as part of the investigation. Two of them are shown above.



## NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ The latest polls in Iowa show Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders continues to gain on Hillary Clinton, and is now within 7 points of Clinton.

◆ A fan died after falling from the upper deck at Turner Field during a game between the Atlanta Braves and New York Yankees Saturday night. He landed near the area where players' families sit to watch the games.

◆ The death from Tropical Storm Erika on the Caribbean island of Dominica is 20 and is expected to climb.

**HIGH SCHOOL SCORES: Bradley Central 34, MCHS 14...Rhea County 62, McMinn Central 13...Oneida 13, Meigs County 7...Walker Valley 42, Hixson 32.**

### ◆ JULY JOBLESS RATE CHANGES SLIGHTLY

The unemployment rate in Tennessee in July went up in 53 counties and down in 21. In the Athens area, most counties were unchanged or only saw a slight movement. The jobless rate in both McMinn and Monroe counties was 7.2% in July, up from 7.1% in June. Meigs County's unemployment rate was 8.5% in both June and July. Bradley County's jobless rate was unchanged at 6.3%. Polk County's rate was 7.4% in July, down from 7.6% in June.



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"Movie & Slumber Party"**  
Sat., Sept. 19th • 1-3pm • \$5pp  
(Includes movie, cupcakes &  
self-guided tour of the Museum)

**Registration Deadline: Sept. 15th**  
**American Girl Doll  
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Sat., Sept. 26th • 1-3pm  
Adults, \$10; Children \$5  
(Includes lunch & self-guided  
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**Registration Deadline: Sept. 22nd**  
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Athens, Tennessee

## Racing In Athens

There was a lot of racing going on in Athens this past Saturday. The Athens Parks Foundation's annual "Dueling Ducks" race took place in Mouse Creek. Workers dumped 1,000 ducks off the Highway 30 bridge, while spectators lined Mouse Creek in Athens Regional Park to cheer their adopted ducks to victory. Andy Butler's duck finished in 1st place, and the duck adopted by David Davis finished 2nd. Proceeds from the duck race will benefit the Sounds of Summer concert series. The photos show ducks being dumped off the bridge and several ducks "swimming" toward the finish line. (Photos courtesy of the Athens Parks Department)



Grace & Mercy Ministries held its first Y-Triathlon on Saturday, with 27 participants swimming 150 yards, biking 12 miles, and running 3.1 miles. The event started and ended at the Athens-McMinn Family YMCA. (More to the right) →

## Obituaries

- **Velma L. Derrick**, age 87, of Englewood died Friday at Life Care Center of Athens. Funeral services were held Saturday night at Bordwine Funeral Home.
- **Gertrude Eugenia Womble Coleman**, age 93, of Athens died last Friday at her residence. Funeral services will be held Monday in Murphy, North Carolina. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.
- **Arietta Letha Cantrell**, age 87, of Englewood died Saturday at NHC Healthcare in Athens. She worked at Athens Stove Works for 25 years. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m.

### TRIATHLON (CONTINUED)

Grace & Ministries Director Tanya Murphy says she and the participants were pleased with the Triathlon. Proceeds go to help the homeless in the Athens area. The photo shows the swimmers getting their instructions.



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### WEATHER

**Monday** - Partly sunny with a high of 85. 20% chance of rain.  
**Monday night** - Partly cloudy, with a low of 66.  
**Tuesday** - Partly sunny, with a high near 87.  
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Athens City Schools System-Wide Family Engagement Announces:



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 Seminar**

• Free Homework Seminar led by Athens City Schools Staff to provide helpful tips on how you can help your child with homework.

• Tips for all grade levels will be provided.

• All parents and/or guardians are invited to attend.

**Date: Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Time: 7:00-8:00 a.m. or 12:00-1:00 p.m.**

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