

State & Local News

♦ WALKING WITH THE POLAR BEARS

Women at the Well held their annual Polar Bear Walk in Downtown Athens last Saturday. Participants were raising money for Women at the Well, which is a ministry for women with life controlling problems. The photo below shows the participants in the walk at the corner of Washington and North White Street.



National & World News

◆ A 20 feet by 3 feet banner that read "Refugees Welcome" was unfurled atop the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty on Tuesday. The banner was illegally affixed to the wall of the public observation deck at the statue's base by nylon rope. An investigation is underway.

◆ In the wake of 11 new threats against Jewish centers, from New York to New Mexico, the FBI said it is investigating along with the Department of Justice. Numerous bomb threats have been made at Jewish centers across the country.

◆ The Department of Homeland Security released two new memos Tuesday morning about immigration enforcement, including the hiring of more than 15,000 new employees. The memos note that when it comes to deportations, the DHS will continue to prioritize criminal aliens who pose a public safety risk. DHS employees will still enforce the law as it pertains to undocumented immigrants who are encountered through the normal course of enforcement actions.

♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The monthly American Legion Fish Fry will be held this Friday from 5 to 7:15 p.m. at the VFW Post on North Congress Parkway. The whole family is invited. All you can eat for \$9. Proceeds help to keep the flags flying at I-75, Exit 49.

✓ The Heritage School at the McMinn Living Heritage Museum this coming Saturday will be "An Adventure Through Lego Land." The hours are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. You should call the Museum to register. The number is 745-0029.





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Locals Meet NBA All-Star

Lynn Ingram and his Cheryl wife, (the McMinn County Registrar), recently attended a Hardware Trade Show for Hiwassee Builders Supply in New Orleans. They had the pleasure of meeting NBA All Star player Gordon Hayward who plays for the Utah Jazz basketball team. Hayward is seated at the table. (Photo submitted by Lynn Ingram)



Obituaries

• **Kathleen Renee High,** age 56, of Englewood, died last Friday. The family will receive friends this Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Grissom-Serenity Funeral Home in Cleveland.

• **Jonell Welch,** age 78, of Ten Mile, died Monday at Roane Medical Center. She was retired from Shaw Industries. A memorial service will be held Friday at 7 p.m. at Bowers Funeral Home in Decatur, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

• Wanda June Shultz Jones, age 75, of Sweetwater, died Monday at Erlanger Medical Center. She was retired from TVA's Kingston plant. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

LOCAL POWER RATES TO FALL IN MARCH The price for a kilowatt hour of electricity from AUB will fall slightly in March. AUB's Wayne Scarbrough says a lower fuel charge from TVA will result in a savings to the average AUB customer of about \$1.50 on their monthly bill. However, the rate in March will be higher than one year ago. Scarbrough says that's because TVA raises the base rate every October despite enjoying record revenues.

Sweetwater Hospital Association and its Board of Directors are proud to announce the appointment of three new Board Certified physicians as members of their Medical Staff



Dr. Vernon Pegram II Board Certified Obstetrician and Gynecologist

Dr. Pegram completed his undergraduate work at the University of the South in East Tennessee, then moved to the University of Alabama where he obtained his medical degree in June of 1993. Dr. Pegram completed his residency at Greenville Hospital Systems in South Carolina and returned to the North Alabama area to practice medicine for the next 18 years.



Dr. Sean DeLair Board Certified Urologist

Dr. DeLair earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond in 2001, where he also completed an internship and residency. He completed an additional residency at the University of California Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, CA. Dr. DeLair enjoys spending time on the water with his family and friends.



Dr. Walt C. Chiles III Board Certified Urologist

Dr. Walt C. Chiles III, earned his medical degree from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Memphis, TN in 1999. He served his general surgical residency and received his post graduate training at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and was Chief Resident in the Department of Urology from 2004 - 2005 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dr. DeLair and Dr. Chiles will transition Dr. Klein's patients to their practice, as he is retiring. All physicians are accepting new patients in their new offices located in the Sweetwater Hospital Association Professional Office Building, 304 Wright Street, Sweetwater, TN 37874. Sweetwater Hospital Association is fortunate these physicians have chosen to serve the men and women of our community.

To make an appointment, please call: Dr. Pegram (865)-213-8592, Dr. DeLair (865)-938-5222, & Dr. Chiles (865)-690-3811



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