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Athens, Tennessee

STATE & LOCAL NEWS

National & World News

◆ MAN FIRES AT WIFE; KILLS HIMSELF

A man identified as David Long, fired shots into the front door of a house near the area of Church and Tell Streets in Athens around 9 a.m. Saturday. When Athens police arrived on the scene and approached Long, he produced a handgun and shot himself in the head. Long was taken to Starr Regional Regional Medical Center where he was pronounced dead. According to a preliminary investigation, Long apparently went to his estranged wife's house and attempted to break into the dwelling. She fled to a neighbor's house and Long followed and fired into that house. The investigation is continuing.

◆ JOBLESS RATE JUMPS UP IN THE AREA

The unemployment rate for each of Tennessee's 95 counties increased in June, primarily because of school workers who are temporarily unemployed and high school and college graduates who have entered the workforce but have not yet found employment. In McMinn County, the jobless rate in June was 4.8%, up from 3.5% in May. Meigs County's unemployment rate in June was 5.3%, up from 3.9% in May. In Monroe County, unemployment in June was 4.4%, up from 3.0% in May. Polk County's jobless rate in June was 4.8%, up from 3.4% in May. Bradley County recorded a jobless rate in June of 4.4%, up from 3.1% in May.

◆ Four cycling tourists, including two Americans, were killed in an attack in Tajikistan. In a Twitter post on Monday, ISIS claimed responsibility for the attack.

◆ A Florida fugitive on the run for nearly three decades was found and captured in a small town 400 miles outside Mexico City. Earl Jay Slaton, 72-years-old, was wanted on a "warrant for Sexual battery and Aggravated Child Abuse." Slaton is currently being held without bond in the Lee County Jail in Florida.

◆ Japan has withdrawn missile interceptor units it deployed last year as officials in the country believe the risk of North Korea firing a ballistic missile has fallen.

◆ Nineteen year old TeNiya Elnora Jones, a University of Kentucky student spending the summer in Jordan, has gone missing after she was swept out to sea while swimming at a beach in Israel. Jones was swimming with two other students in Tel Aviv shortly after midnight on Sunday when they were "caught up in a strong current and were pulled out to sea."

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Good Faith Clinic will be held today at Christ Community Church at 14 South Congress Parkway. The doors open at 2:30 p.m. The clinic is open to all McMinn and Meigs county residents that are uninsured.

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Obituaries

♦ **David Armstrong**, age 71, died Saturday. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday at New Bethel Church of God at 424 Happy Hollow Road, Madisonville, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. at the church. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

TODAY IN HISTORY - JULY 31ST

1498 - Christopher Columbus discovered the island of Trinidad and claimed it for Spain. Trinidad's capital city is named "Port of Spain."

1875 - Andrew Johnson, the nation's 17th President, died at the age of 66 on a visit to Carter County, TN.

1907 - Robert Baden-Powell began the Boy Scout movement when he started a camp for 20 boys.

1943 - Singer Lobo (Kent LaVoie) was born. His biggest hit was "Me and You and a Dog Named Boo."

1946 - Singer Gary Lewis (of Gary Lewis and the Playboys) was born. Their hit records include "Save Your Heart for Me" and "This Diamond Ring."

1982 - A multi-vehicle crash in France killed 53 people, including 44 children riding in a bus.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 144 points, or 0.6%, to 25,307. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 17 points or 0.6% to 2,802, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 107 points or 1.4% to 7,630

Seeing the Sights in D.C.

An Athens couple, Stanley and Harriel Blair, and their grandson, Carter, visited the nation's capitol last week. The photo below shows them in front of the U.S. Capitol.



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