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LOCAL & AREA NEWS

◆ STUDENTS SAY GOODBYE TO CLASSMATE

Liberty Christian Academy will begin the school year today by saying goodbye to one of their own. Heath Henley, 15, of Niota was killed while riding his dirt bike Monday afternoon near his home on Butler Road in Meigs County. Police say he probably took a curve in the road too fast. The family decided to hold Heath's funeral at Liberty Church of Jesus Christ near Riceville so his friends and fellow students can be honorary pallbearers. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. today, which is the first day of school for the 79 students at Liberty Christian Academy. Heath would have been a sophomore.

◆ TAX REVENUE TAKES BIG JUMP IN JULY

Tennessee's sales tax revenue experienced the sharpest increase in July of any month since April of 2007. July revenues totaled nearly \$834 million, or nearly \$23 million more than projected. State Finance Commissioner Dave Goetz says the rise in sales and corporate taxes points to an economic recovery in Tennessee.

◆ POLL SHOWS HASLAM LEADING

A new poll predicts Republican Bill Haslam will be the next governor of Tennessee. The poll conducted by Rasmussen Reports says Haslam would get 56% of the vote and Democratic candidate Mike McWherter would receive 31% if the election were held today.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ Both stocks and interest rates tumbled Wednesday as investors around the world took a bleaker view of the U.S. economy. The Dow Jones Industrials Average fell 265.42 points to close at 10,378.83.

◆ A tropical depression in the Gulf of Mexico has weakened slightly as it moves toward the site of the oil spill off the coast of Louisiana. The National Hurricane Center says some strengthening is still possible and it could become Tropical Storm Danielle before its center reaches land. A tropical storm warning has been issued for much of the Gulf Coast from Destin, Florida, to New Orleans.

◆ Investigators are studying weather patterns to see if overcast skies, rain and gusty winds played a role in the crash of a single-engine float plane in Alaska that claimed the lives of five people, including former Republican Senator Ted Stevens. One of the first National Guardsmen to reach the crash site says the four survivors had used heavy duty fishing waders to cover themselves as they spent Monday night on the mountainside.

◆ A Connecticut judge says Emmy-winning actor Rip Torn, 79, does not qualify for a special probation program that would have cleared his record of charges that he broke into a bank while drunk and armed in January. The case is now headed for a trial.



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Old Photos Wanted

The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum is seeking photographs of general stores in McMinn County from yesteryear. The photos are being sought in preparation for the grand opening of the Museum's newly expanded General Store exhibit.

Specifically, the Museum is seeking images from 1900 to 1960. The photos will be scanned, with the originals returned to owners.

Below is a photo of one old general store.



Obituaries

Lester L. Huston, age 64, of Niota, died Wednesday at Athens Regional Medical Center. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler.

Julietta Mae Wade, age 88, of the Clearwater Community near Athens, died Wednesday at NHC of Athens. She was retired from the cafeteria at E.K. Baker School. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Clearwater Baptist Church with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

Community News You Can Use

✓ The McMinn Anti-Drug Coalition Aiding Teens (MADCAT) will hold two community parent night meetings this month to inform parents about the dangers of youth prescription drug abuse in McMinn County. Drug abuse experts will discuss ways to combat youth prescription drug abuse, ways to safeguard the prescription drugs you may have in your home, and tips about how to talk with your kids about drug abuse. There will be a meal provided and childcare, if needed. The first meeting is Monday, August 23, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the McMinn High School cafeteria. The second meeting is Tuesday, August 24, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the McMinn Central High School cafeteria. For more information, call 263-2303.

✓ Etowah AYSO Fall Soccer signups continue this Friday, Aug. 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Cornerstone Church at 719 Ohio Avenue.

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1877 - Thomas Edison invented the phonograph on this date in 1877. (Get out those old records and celebrate!)

1881 - Motion-picture director and producer Cecil B. DeMille was born. Among his most successful films were "The 10 Commandments," "The King of Kings," and "Cleopatra."

1927 - Country singer Porter Wagoner was born. He was noted for his colorful outfits and for discovering Dolly Parton. Wagoner's hit records included "A Satisfied Mind" and "The Carroll County Accident."

1929 - Country singer Buck Owens was born. He was a co-host of the TV show "Hee-Haw." His hit records included "Love's Gonna Live Here," "I've Got A Tiger By The Tail," and "Waitin' In Your Welfare Line." He died in 2006.

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