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Tuesday - August 17, 2010

Athens, Tennessee

LOCAL - STATE NEWS

◆ BIRCHWOOD MAN DIES IN MEIGS CRASH

The Tennessee Highway Patrol says 20-year-old Johnathan Andrew Flarity of Birchwood died Sunday afternoon when his pickup truck ran off the left side of the road and struck a tree head-on. It happened on Blythe Ferry Lane just off Highway 58. A passenger, 23-year-old Joshua Leroy Barbee of Birchwood, was injured. Trooper Rick Ray says neither man was wearing a seat belt. He says in his opinion, safety belts would have made a difference.

◆ 94 ON SEX OFFENDER REGISTER IN McMINN

~ The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation's Sexual Offender Registry lists 94 sex offenders living in McMinn County. Thirty-four of them live in the city of Athens. Seventeen live in Niota, 16 in Etowah, nine in Englewood, eight in Riceville, four in Calhoun, and six reside in north McMinn County with a Sweetwater address. Among the 94 sex offenders in McMinn County are two females. One of them lives in Athens and one is a resident of Niota.

~ The register lists 34 sex offenders living in Meigs County. Two of them are females. The sex offenders in each county in Tennessee are listed on the TBI's Website at:

http://www.tbi.state.tn.us/sex_ofender_reg/sex_ofender_reg.shtml

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ There are reports that a Colombian jetliner was hit by lightning before it crashed while landing at San Adres Island, a resort island 120 miles east of the Nicaraguan coast. The Boeing 737 carried 131 passengers and crew. Only one person died.

◆ The commercial shimp season got underway Monday as shrimpers returned to waters off Louisiana. They're uncertain how much crude oil may still be in the water and what price they'll get for the catch if consumers worry about oil-tainted shrimp.

◆ A White House spokesman said Monday that politics was not a factor in President Obama's remarks that he does not oppose building a mosque near the site of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York. The spokesman says Obama felt he had the obligation as president to "make sure people are treated equally" under the Constitution.

◆ Iran says it plans to build 10 new uranium enrichment sites inside protected mountain strongholds in defiance of international efforts to curb its nuclear program.

◆ A 78-year-old Pennsylvania man rode a roller coaster 90 times in one day--bringing his lifetime total to 4,000 rides.

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IT'S HOT IN TENNESSEE !!

We all know it's hot in Tennessee...but hot enough to melt an ice cream truck? A reader sent us this photo which speaks for itself.



COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce announces the last of the summer's "Business BEFORE Hours" will be this Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. at Jenkins Grille & Market located at 411 South Jackson Street. Business AFTER Hours will return on Sept. 16.
- McMinn Central football Coach Josh Goodin invites all former Charger Lettermen to join the McMinn Central Lettermen's Club. For more information, contact Coach Goodin at McMinn Central or see a Lettermen's Club representative at the gate of all home games.

OBITUARIES

Deborah Ezell Turbeville, age 57, of Riceville died Sunday at her home. She was a former resident of Arkansas and Blairsville, Georgia, and had lived in McMinn County for 18 years. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.

Russell G. Moffett, age 82, of Athens died Sunday at his home. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

Donald "Ross" Bryan, age 76, of Athens died Sunday at his home. He was retired from Mayfield Dairy Farms after 33 years of service. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

POP SINGERS COMING TO ATHENS

The popular pop music duo Chad and Jeremy will be performing in Athens on September 21st. They will be the first event on the Athens Area Council for the Arts Small Town, Big Time 2010-2011 schedule. The British singers had such hit records in the mid-1960s as "A Summer Song," "Willow Weep For Me," and "Yesterday's Gone."



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- 1787** - American pioneer, Indian fighter, bear killer, and Congressman Davy Crockett was born near Greeneville, Tennessee. He became a member of Congress in 1827 after serving in the Tennessee state legislature. He was killed at the Battle of the Alamo in Texas.
- 1909** - Bandleader Larry Clinton ("Deep Purple") was born.
- 1969** - Hurricane Camille struck the Gulf Coast, near Biloxi, Mississippi. The storm surge destroyed homes and hotels on the coast. The storm continued to dump heavy rains as far north as Virginia. A total of 255 people died.
- 1984** - Baseball great Roberto Clemente became the first Puerto Rican to be commemorated on a U.S. postage stamp. Clemente was also a humanitarian. He died in a plane crash off the coast of Puerto Rico in 1972 as he was flying to aid earthquake victims in Nicaragua.

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