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Today's News...This Morning

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Athens, Tennessee

STATE AND LOCAL NEWS

WATTS BAR LOCK CLOSED FOR REPAIRS

The lock at the Watts Bar Dam is closed for repairs. Every ten years, crews pump out the water so they can inspect the lock and repair problem parts. Workers are sand blasting, welding, painting, and repairing corroded areas. The lock will be closed to boat and barge traffic until November 3rd.

♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

 \checkmark The MADCAT Coalition will have its monthly meeting at noon tomorrow at the TWC cafeteria. A representative from the McMinn County Sheriff's Department will present the program.

 $\sqrt{1}$ The American Red Cross will hold a new volunteer orientation on October 28th at 6 pm at the Mars Hill Presbyterian Church meeting room in downtown Athens. The session is open to anyone wanting to help the Red Cross prepare communities for disaster. To register, call 423-472-1595. Volunteers in McMinn and Meigs counties are needed.

✓ The Etowah Carnegie Public Library will present Halloween Story and Fun Night tomorrow, Oct. 21st, at 6:30 pm. Jason Crandall will entertain with scary stories and pumpkin decorating.

 $\sqrt{1}$ The Claxton Fire Department will hold a fund-raising Turkey Shoot every Saturday at 9 am at 1710 County Road 750.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

• A Pentagon spokesman says recruiters have been told that they must accept gay applicants, following a federal court decision striking down the ban on gays serving openly in the military.

• Someone fired shots at the Pentagon early Tuesday in what security officials called a "random event." No one was injured when the shots were fired into two windows.

Youths clashed with police and set fires in cities across France ٠ on Tuesday in a protest against a proposed increase in the retirement age from 60 to 62.

• Actor Tom Bosley has died of a staph infection at his home in California. He was 83. Bosley played Howard Cunningham, (Mr. C) in the TV series "Happy Days" and, later, played the part of Sheriff Amos Tucker on "Murder, She Wrote."

• A German entrepreneur is bypassing a European Union ban on incandescent light bulbs of more than 60 watts by buying 75 and 100 watt light bulbs made in China and selling them as "mini heaters." He labels the light bulbs as "heatballs." He calculated that heat makes up 95% of their output and light just 5%, so they can be sold legally as heaters.

• On Wall Street, stocks fell. The Dow Jones Industrials Average



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Wednesday-October 20, 2010

No Halloween for Sex Offenders

Sex offenders who are under the supervision of the Tennessee Board of Probation and Parole are again being restricted from taking part in any Halloween or fall and harvest activities. Each sex offender has signed a letter acknowledging that they are prohibited from participating in Halloween activities.

The letters advise sex offenders that:

- 1. Neither they, nor anyone in their home, can answer the door to trick or treaters on Halloween.
- 2. They cannot pass out candy.

3. Their homes cannot be decorated for Halloween, either inside or outside.

- 4. They cannot host Halloween parties at their homes.
- 5. They cannot go to haunted houses, corn mazes, hay rides
- or any other seasonal activity.
- 6. They cannot wear costumes.
- 7. They cannot take any child trick or treating.

8. They cannot be at any function where children are gathered, including private residences.

Board of Probation & Parole officers will enforce the restrictions throughout October. They will make visits, both announced and unannounced, to verify that the sex offenders on their caseloads are in compliance with these restrictions.



Lydia Sukhanov, age 57, of Calhoun died Tuesday at her home. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Delano Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

The Leaves Are Turning

The autumn leaves are expected to reach the peak of their colors around the end of the month. They are already turning in the Athens area. Morning Fax photographer Cheri Harrison took this photo looking up N. Jackson Street toward Trinity Methodist Church and Mars Hill Presbyterian Church.





TODAY IN HISTORY - October 20

1818 - The U.S. and Britain agreed to establish the 49th parallel as the official boundary between the United States and Canada.

1908 - Singer, songwriter, actor, and politician Stuart Hamblen was born. He wrote "It Is No Secret," "This Ole House," and "Open Up Your Heart And Let The Sunshine I.n." He ran for President on the Prohibition Party ticket in 1952.

1913 - Grand Ole Opry star Grandpa Jones was born. He joined the Opry in 1946. He was also a regular on the Hee-Haw TV series. His biggest hit record was "T For Texas."

1931 - Baseball star Mickey Mantle was born. He hit 536 home runs during his career with the Yankees.

1944 - General Douglas MacArthur returned to the Philippines, making good the promise when he left in 1942 that "I shall return."



WEATHER Wednesday - 20% A.M. rain, then Sunny. High-72. Wednesday night - Clear. Low-near 40. Thursday - Sunny. High-in the low 70's. More wx at: www.wyxi.com