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Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ PAIR CHARGED IN BB&T ROBBERY

A brother and sister from Sweetwater have been charged with robbery of the BB&T Bank at Decatur Pike and Congress Parkway in Athens on March 21st. Billy Joe Greene, 72, and Mary Greene, 67, were arrested during an undercover operation at the Peoples Bank in Sweetwater this past Friday morning. Athens detectives had received a tip that the couple cashed checks at the bank from time to time. Detectives were waiting when the pair showed up on Friday. They are being held at the McMinn County Justice Center with bonds set at \$50,000 apiece.



Billy Joe Greene



Mary Greene

◆ CHATTANOOGA OFFICER SHOT TO DEATH

Chattanooga Police Sgt. Timothy Chapin was shot to death when he responded to an armed robbery at a pawn shop on Brainerd Road Saturday morning. Another officer was wounded. The robber was wounded and is under heavy guard at Erlanger Hospital.

Scottie Mayfield signing the new book "The Mayfield Family Story" at Mayfield Visitors Center, 4 Mayfield Lane, Athens mayfielddairy.com

Scottie will be available to sign this keepsake coffee table book celebrating Mayfield's 100th anniversary on Mon., April 4th, Tues., April 5th and Wed., April 6th 1-3 p.m.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Japanese officials say it could take several more months to bring the crippled nuclear plant under control. Engineers have injected a mix of sawdust, shredded newspapers, and a polymer that can expand to 50 times its normal size in an effort to stop highly radioactive water from leaking from the plant.

◆ A top leader of the Libyan rebels says the rebels want to install a civilian democracy in place of longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi. He says Libyans as a whole do not want a government based on dictatorship, tribalism, violence or terrorism.

◆ Federal records show cracks were found and repaired a year ago in the Southwest Airlines Boeing 737 that made an emergency landing at an Arizona military base Friday after a section of the fuselage ripped off. Federal investigators have cut a piece from the fuselage to determine why it ruptured. Meanwhile, Southwest cancelled hundreds of weekend flights so they could inspect their fleet of 737's.

◆ A three-year-old boy died Saturday night when he freed himself from a safety harness, stood up, and then fell from a roller coaster at a Chicago amusement park. Jayson Dansby was sitting near the front of the "Python Pit" roller coaster with his twin brother when he fell. He died from head injuries.



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Republicans Pack the House

Extra tables had to be set up Saturday night at TWC for the McMinn County Republican Party's Lincoln Day Dinner. House Speaker Beth Harwell (right) was the featured speaker. Mayor John Gentry presented the Lincoln Award to Jay Hacker, Sr. (below left) Annette Burger presented a special award to Richard Edwards, DPA Managing Editor (below right), for his coverage of the Republican Party. Plaques of appreciation were given to representatives of emergency responder agencies in McMinn County.



More Local News

◆ JOBLESS RATE DROPS IN AREA


The unemployment figures for February show the jobless rate fell a bit in McMinn, Meigs, and Monroe counties. In McMinn County, unemployment was 12.3% in February, down from 12.8% in January. In Meigs County, the jobless rate in February was 12.8%, down from 13.3% in January. The Monroe County jobless rate was 13.9% in February, down from 14.7% in January.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ Christ's Legacy Academy will hold OPEN HOUSE from 4 to 7 p.m. today. The Academy is located at the Clearwater Baptist Church, 964 County Road 180. For information, call 649-0040.
- ✓ The 16th annual Kids Arts Camps sponsored by the Athens Area Council for the Arts will be held in June. Kids Arts Camp is a one-week camp experience for K-6 with daily classes in art, music, drama and dance. There are two camp weeks: June 6-10 at Riceville Elementary and June 13-17 at Westside Elementary. Tuition is \$65 per camper. Registration forms are available at The Arts Center, 320 N. White Street. Registration deadline is June 1st.

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