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Monday-April 25, 2011

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ KNOWLES IS NAMED NEW TWC PRES.

Tennessee Wesleyan College has chosen its new president. He is Dr. Harley Knowles. Dr. Knowles is currently vice president for Institutional Advancement at the University of New England in Maine. Knowles was selected by the TWC presidential search committee from more than 100 applicants. He will officially assume his duties in Athens in July. He is married to Cindy Coulson, who is a former college administrator.



◆ JOBLESS RATE DROPS IN AREA

The unemployment rate in March fell in 93 of Tennessee's counties, including every county in East Tennessee. In McMinn County, the unemployment rate in March was 11.5%, down from 12.3% in February. In Meigs County, the jobless rate in March was 12.0%, down from 12.8% in February. The unemployment rate in Monroe County was 12.9% in March. That was down from 13.8% in February.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Doctors have given Rep. Gabrielle Giffords the go-ahead to attend her husband's shuttle launch this Friday. They also say Rep. Giffords has normal use of her left side and has begun making limited use of her right arm and leg. She is also able to walk a little and pushes a cart up and down the hospital halls for therapy. She was shot in the head 15 weeks ago in Arizona.

◆ Japan will send 25,000 soldiers backed by boats and aircraft into its disaster zone today on an intensive land-and-sea mission to recover the bodies of those killed by last month's earthquake and tsunami. About 12,000 people remain missing and are presumed dead.

◆ Pope Benedict XVI contrasted war and hunger with the joy of Easter on Sunday and issued a call for diplomacy to end the fighting in Libya.

◆ Flights have resumed at St. Louis' tornado-battered airport. The high winds damaged an American Airlines jet on the ground, broke airport windows, and blew holes in the roof of one terminal building.

◆ A New York City cab driver has racked up the fare of a lifetime. Two men paid him \$5,000 to drive them to Los Angeles as a birthday celebration for one of the men.



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Monday, April 25, 2011

Athens, Tennessee

CONTRABAND FOUND AT CENTRAL

The photo below from the McMinn County Sheriff's Office shows some of the contraband found during a lockdown at Central High School last Thursday. Most of the contraband was tobacco and prescription medication. The lockdown provided an "amnesty period" during which students could voluntarily put items in boxes placed in the classrooms without the threat of being charged.



Obituaries

Bobby Ray Carter, age 68, of Riceville died last Wednesday at SkyRidge Medical Center after a short battle with cancer. He was a life-long cattle, horse, and tobacco farmer. He served as a McMinn County Commissioner from 1982-2002 and was Chairman for 16 years. He was the Athens Chamber of Commerce Farmer of the Year in 2005. He was a certified auctioneer, a member of the executive committee of the Mid East Regional Fair, and a founding member of the Hillview Volunteer Fire Department. A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Short Creek Baptist Church, with visitation from 5 to 9 p.m. Monday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

Thomas (Darrell) Ratledge, age 53, of Etowah died last Thursday at Woods Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held this past Saturday at Bordwine Funeral Home. Burial will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Etowah Cemetery.

Jerry L. Crowe, 56, of Niota died last Thursday. He was a former employee of Athens Bed Co. and Crazy Ed's. Funeral services were held this past Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

Mrs. Irene Mckeehan Cantrell, age 91, of Athens died last Friday at Wellington Place. She was retired from Niota Textile Hosiery Mill. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at McMinn Memory Gardens, with visitation from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

Lillie Mae Kimsey Trew, 95, of the Cog Hill Community died Thursday at her home. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

Ms. Bobby D. Gibson, 72, of Athens died Saturday at Life Care of Athens. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.



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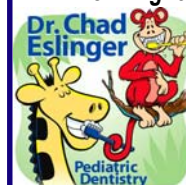
1874 -Guglielmo Marconi, the inventor of the wireless telegraph (or radio), was born in Italy. He produced the first trans-Atlantic wireless telegraph signal. His work led to modern radio broadcasting.

1908 - Radio and television journalist Edward R. Murrow was born. He broadcast on-the-scene reports of World War II bombings in London and his listeners could hear the bombs exploding in the background. His broadcasts began with the words, "This is London..."

1918 - Singer Ella Fitzgerald was born. Her hit records included "A Tisket A-Tasket" and "It's Only A Paper Moon."

1933 - Songwriter Jerry Leiber was born. He wrote such hit songs as "Hound Dog," "Jailhouse Rock," "Yakety Yak," "Charlie Brown," "Save the Last Dance For Me," and "Spanish Harlem."

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