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STATE AND LOCAL NEWS

◆ TAX BREAK FOR STORM VICTIMS

Before adjourning, the Tennessee legislature passed a measure giving a tax break to owners of homes that were damaged in the April tornadoes. Under the provision, homeowners who turn in their receipts for building materials used for repairs or for appliances and furniture purchased to replace items destroyed by the storms will get rebates from the state for all sales taxes paid when they purchased the replacement items.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Volunteers are needed to pick up trash around downtown Athens and in Market Park in preparation for the upcoming MooFest. Volunteers will also pull weeds, trim shrubs, and clean buildings that will be used during MooFest. Meet at 4 p.m. this Thursday, May 26th, at 4 p.m. at MooFest headquarters, #7 N. White Street. E-mail the Keep McMinn Beautiful office to volunteer at:

keepmcminnbeautiful@comcast.net

✓ The Southeast Tennessee Hay Day will be held this Friday at Valley Farmers Co-Op. The event is free and lunch is provided. You need to RSVP by noon today by calling the McMinn County Extension office at 745-2852.

NATIONAL-WORLD

◆ Rescue crews busted holes in concrete slabs and dug through merchandise at a Home Depot and a Walmart store in Joplin, Missouri, on Tuesday looking for more victims or survivors from Sunday's tornado. The death toll now stands at 117, making it the deadliest single tornado in the U.S. in about 60 years.

◆ The operator of the Japanese nuclear power plant disabled by an earthquake and tsunami in March has confirmed that there were meltdowns of fuel rods at three of its reactors.

◆ Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has pledged to make "painful compromises" for peace with the Palestinians, but says he will not agree to return to the borders that existed before the 1967 Mideast war. He also says Jerusalem, which is claimed by both sides as their capital, can not be divided.

◆ The religious broadcaster whose Judgment Day prophecy went unfulfilled last Saturday has a simple explanation for what went wrong--he miscalculated. Harold Camping, 89, has revised his forecast and says the Rapture will occur on October 21st.

◆ In Chattanooga, Volkswagen held the grand opening of its new \$1 billion assembly plant yesterday. The plant will play a major role in the German automaker's plan to unseat Toyota as the world's largest automaker.



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**ATTENTION:
 McMinn County
 Republicans
 CALLED MEETING**
 Thurs., May 26, 6:00 p.m.
 in big upstairs court-
 room at McMinn
 County Courthouse
 Paid by McMinn Republican Party

Wednesday-May 25, 2011

Athens, Tennessee

Amazon Is Taking Applications

Amazon.com has begun hiring for its new distribution centers in Bradley and Hamilton Counties. They will hire several hundred full-time workers ahead of the expected opening of the two centers this fall. Full-time hourly openings include roles in Picking, Packing, and Receiving/Shipping. Management jobs include positions in Operations, Safety, Human Resources and Technical Support. The jobs come with comprehensive health benefits. Candidates for hourly positions can call 1-866-885-6277 for more information or apply on line at www.amazonapplyonline.com/tenn Candidates for management positions should apply online at: www.amazon.com/careers

MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Community Theater will hold auditions for *Evening With the Stars IX a Community Showcase of Talent* on Monday, June 6th, at 7 p.m. at The Arts Center in Athens. The show will be presented on Friday, June 17th, at 7:30 p.m. Performers are invited to audition using one or two samples of their repertoire. Singers, dancers, comedians, jugglers, and magicians are welcome.

Obituaries

Douglas R. Wheaton, age 70, of Niota died Monday at his home. He retired from the Athens Housing Authority after 30 years. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Thursday.

Ruby Cockrell, age 85, of Etowah died Monday at Woods Memorial Hospital. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Green Hill Cemetery, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Bordwine Funeral Home.

Thomas Ralph King, age 56, of Calhoun died Monday at his residence. Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the King Family Cemetery, with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home.

William "Bill" Bruce Henry, Jr., age 85, of Athens died Monday at Athens Regional Medical Center. He operated the McMinn Service Station in Athens for 30 years and was the first U-Haul dealer in Athens. He later owned Temptations Restaurant and Bill Henry Bonding. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m.


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