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Local & State News

◆ HAVE YOU SEEN THIS WOMAN?

Athens police are asking the public for help in identifying the person who broke into a car at the Lost Sea near Sweetwater and stole a ladies purse. The suspect used the victim's debit cards and credit cards in Athens. She is shown in this surveillance photo. If you recognize her, please call the Athens Police Department at 744-2730.



◆ LEAF UPDATE

The Athens leaf vacuum trucks will be working in the Matlock to Keith Lane area, the North City area including Larson to Railroad Avenue, and in the Tellico Hills area including Hammerhill Road.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ Former Penn State football coach Jerry Sandusky abruptly waived his right to a preliminary hearing Tuesday. Eight young men, accusing him of child sex abuse when they were boys, were set to testify against him. Sandusky's attorney suggested the alleged victims may have colluded for financial gain. Waiving the hearing means Sandusky will go straight to trial.

◆ The National Transportation Safety Board is recommending a ban on the use of cell phones and texting behind the wheel except for emergencies. The recommendation follows an investigation by the NTSB which showed that a 19-year-old driver of a pickup truck involved in a deadly highway pileup in Missouri last year had sent or received 11 texts in the 11 minutes immediately before the accident. His truck crashed into the rear of a tractor trailer rig, setting off a chain collision that also involved two school buses. Two people were killed and 38 were injured.

◆ The Federal Reserve says the job market has improved slightly and the economy has been expanding moderately. However, the Fed says the unemployment rate will remain high. The Fed says it will keep interest rates at record lows for at least the next six months. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 66.45 at 11,954.94.

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Saying Goodbye To One of Their Own

McMinn County Rescue Squad member Zach Schultz was laid to rest Tuesday afternoon at the Tranquility United Methodist Church Cemetery. A procession of over 50 rescue trucks from several counties led the body from Woodward Avenue Church of God to the cemetery. Schultz died last Friday from a 4-wheeler accident on Highway 305 near the cemetery. **(Photo by Jay Thomson)**



Athens police are trying to locate a storage building which was stolen from the yard of Robert Nevins at 206 S. Kilgore Street. The building is described as a 16' x 24' wood frame, metal clad building, tan in color. Nevins says a neighbor told him they saw a large truck in the yard a few days after Thanksgiving. Nevins says he believes the thieves used the truck to remove his building, which was valued at \$2,000. Anyone with any information should call the APD at 744-2730.

Obituaries

Eli Neal, age 86, of Athens died last Friday. He had worked at the old Robert E. Lee Barbershop for many years. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home, with visitation from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

Jackie Helen Chrisman Land, age 58, of Athens died Monday at her home. She had worked for Denso. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Athens Free Saints True Holiness Church, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday at the church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Flu season is here, and the McMinn and Meigs County Health Departments are offering free flu vaccinations for adults age 19 and older. Appointments can be made to receive the free vaccine by calling 745-7431 or 334-5185. In addition, Meigs County will take walk-ins from 3 to 4 p.m. The Meigs County Health Department is also collecting non-perishable food items for Meigs Ministries and would appreciate it if you would bring one food item for each flu vaccine received.

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