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Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ ONE OF NIOTA'S "GOLDEN GIRLS" DIES

Former Niota City Commissioner Billie Gilliam has died as a result of burns received in an accident at her home. The pilot light in her gas space heater went out. When she tried to relight it, the heater exploded and caught her clothing on fire. She was taken to UT Medical Center and transferred to Vanderbilt hospital in Nashville where she died. She was a member of the first all-female City Commission in Niota, often called the "Golden Girls." She served one term on the Commission as the Streets Commissioner. She would occasionally ride on the back of the garbage truck.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Athens Area Council for the Arts announces the annual High School Art Show showcasing art from McMinn County High School students. Their work can be viewed at The Arts Center, 320 N. White Street, through April 30th.
- ✓ The McMinn County School Board holds its monthly meeting this Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the McMinn County Center for Educational Excellence, #3 South Hill Street.
- ✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its next CASH MOB this Thursday at 12 noon at Goins Creations, 304 West Washington Avenue, Athens.
- ✓ People on Medicare may be eligible for additional assistance with out of pocket medical and prescription costs. Volunteers with the State Health Insurance Assistance Program will be at the Etowah Senior Center on March 20th. Call 263-1209 for an appointment.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS


- ◆ In a test project aimed at letting private sector companies help authorities crack down on criminals who travel with fake documents, Interpol is allowing two airlines to check passenger passports against its vast database of lost and stolen travel documents.
- ◆ A climber rappelling off Shortoff Mountain in Pisgah National Forest in Banner Elk, N.C. fell and bounced off a mountain ledge before landing on another. Emergency crews were forced to call for a Black Hawk helicopter to rescue the injured climber from his precarious position. He was then transferred to a medical helicopter and flown to an Asheville hospital. The climber suffered critical injuries, including several broken bones.
- ◆ Senator Dianne Feinstein, who serves as the Senate Intelligence Committee chair, launched a fiery public attack on the Central Intelligence Agency, accusing it of improperly searching computers used by staffers investigating CIA interrogation methods. The agency's director John Brennan denied the allegations.
- ◆ The European Union wants to ban the use of European names like Parmesan, Feta and Gruyere on cheese made in the United States claiming that American-made cheeses are shadows of the original European varieties. The Europeans say Parmesan should only come from Parma and Feta should only be from Greece.


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WEATHER
Wednesday - 80% rain & t'storms. Highs around 60.
Wednesday night - Mostly cloudy. 30% rain in PM. Lows in the lower to mid 20's.
Thursday - Sunny & colder. Highs in the mid to upper 40's.
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Athens, Tennessee

Promoting Prom Safety

Susan Ray, a lifeskills teacher at McMinn High School, and several MCHS students made a video of a mock wreck in the Highlands subdivision Monday night. The scenario involved a group of students who went to a home after the prom, got drunk, climbed into a car, and were involved in a wreck. The photo below taken by Jay Thomson shows Ms. Ray operating the camera from the back seat of the car which was filled with students. The video shoot involved the car driving around the block with Ms. Ray filming. The scenario ended in a mock one vehicle crash. The McMinn Rescue Squad provided traffic control during the filming. The video will be used to promote prom safety.



Obituaries

Patsy Marie Plemons Ratledge, age 64, of Athens died last Wednesday. The family will hold a private memorial this coming Sunday. Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Kenneth Arnold Dickson, age 65, of Riceville died March 4th at his home. He moved to McMinn County after retiring from the Pinellas County, Florida, government. Private funeral services will be held in Florida. Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of local arrangements.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks closed lower as investors weighed economic data and continue to keep an eye on the situation in Ukraine. Reports showed fewer job openings than anticipated in January, a possible sign the labor market is cooling. In addition, wholesale trade sales fell and inventories rose in January, which is being attributed to the unusually bad winter weather. U.S. Treasury prices closed up on Tuesday.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 67.43 at 16,351.25. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 9.54 at 1,867.63, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 27.26 at 4,307.19.

Commodity Markets: The spot price of gold rose \$7.88 to \$1,347.61. The spot price of silver rose \$0.02 to \$20.84, and crude oil prices fell \$1.40 to \$99.72 per barrel.

Bond Market: The 30-year Treasury yield closed at 3.71%, and the 10-year Treasury yield finished at 2.77%.



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