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Monday, June 8, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

LOCAL & STATE NEWS

◆ NEW LAWS FOR PANHANDLERS

A new law goes into effect in Tennessee on July 1st that places limits on panhandlers. As of that date, "aggressive panhandling" will be a crime statewide. The new law will make it a misdemeanor for anyone asking for donations to touch a stranger, block them or their vehicle, follow them, use profanity, or make threats with either words or gestures. If someone is found guilty of aggressive panhandling, they could spend up to 30 days in jail and pay a \$50 fine. In the city of Athens, panhandlers must sit or stand in grassy areas along the street. They are not allowed to be in the street itself.

◆ RESCUE FEST #1

The McMinn County Rescue Squad held its 1st annual Rescue Fest this past Saturday at McMinn County High School. The daylong event featured emergency vehicles, face painting, a Jr. Firefighter obstacle course, bounce houses, a silent auction, plus a dinner and concert. Rescue Squad Chief Sam Cates says he was pleased by the attendance and plans to make this an annual event.



(Photo by Jay Thomson)

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ A massive manhunt is underway for two convicted murderers who pulled off an elaborate escape from adjoining cells in a New York state maximum security prison near the Canadian border over the weekend. Prison guards discovered that the men were missing during an early morning bed check. Prison officials say the inmates cut a hole through the back wall of their cells, scaled a catwalk, then used power tools to drill through metal walls and a steam pipe. They managed to weave their way through underground tunnels, coming out through a manhole cover on the street.

◆ A woman who was struck by a piece of a baseball bat at Boston's Fenway Park is expected to survive. The bat broke when a batter hit the ball. The bat struck the forehead of the woman who was sitting along the third base line.

HAVING FUN WITH LEGOS!

The Etowah Carnegie Library held a "Build a City to Save" Lego program last week. The program was part of the library's summer reading program. The programs are held Mondays through Thursdays at 1 p.m. To sign up, call 263-9475.



(Photo by Library staff)

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WHEN RADIO WAS

Old-time Radio Shows
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Tonight:
Archie Andrews & Burns & Allen

Athens, Tennessee

DENSO To Build EcoPark

DENSO Manufacturing in Athens is showing its green thumb by establishing a community EcoPark adjacent to its plant. DENSO is partnering with the Athens Parks and Recreation Department and the McMinn County Economic Development Authority to develop an 11.5 acre EcoPark that will create a safe place for employees and the community to walk, learn, and enjoy nature.

The EcoPark will be developed on land owned by the McMinn Economic Development Authority. It will be completed in three phases. Phase one will include an outdoor Japanese-style pavilion and picnic area, a walking trail, and a Japanese fruit orchard. It should be completed by the end of October. Phase two will focus on renewable energy through the use of a windmill and solar panels. Phase three will include a natural pond that will create a sanctuary for wildlife. An artist's conception of the EcoPark is shown above.



Obituaries

- **Lottie Mae Jamerson**, age 66, of Etowah died last Thursday. Funeral services were held Saturday night at Bordwine Funeral Home.
- **Barbara J. Goforth**, age 74, of Cleveland died last Friday. She retired as office manager for All Safe Storage after 14 years. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 13, at Fike-Randolph & Sons Funeral Home in Cleveland.
- **Billy "William" Wilburn**, age 74, of Knoxville (and a native of Athens) died May 27 at Turkey Creek Medical Center in Knoxville. During his years in Athens, he was involved in real estate and was a restaurant owner. A private service will be held at a later date. Cremations Options, Inc., is in charge of arrangements.
- **Dr. William L. Ketchersid**, age 72, of Dayton died Saturday while on a mission trip in Peru. He had been a history professor at Bryan College for many years and had led or participated in many mission trips to the Caribbean and South America over the years. He was the brother of Bob Ketchersid, one of the editors of **The Morning Fax**. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.
- **Mary Ruth White Burke**, age 82, of Athens died Saturday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. She was a former employee of Ridge Textile. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Ziegler Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.
- **Earl J. White**, age 67, of Niota died Sunday at Parkwest Medical Center. Arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs.

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