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Thursday, June 18, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ MAN DROWNS IN ROCK QUARRY

A 31-year-old man drowned at the Blue Cove Quarry on County Road 116 near Riceville Tuesday evening. Sheriff Joe Guy says Warren McLean Dougherty of Niota jumped into the water from the rock cliffs and failed to resurface. His body was recovered after several hours of searching by divers and other rescue workers.

◆ ATHENS PROPERTY TAXES GOING UP

If you own property in the City of Athens, get ready to pay more in taxes. The Athens City Council has voted to raise the property tax rate by 34¢ per \$100. That will mean an increase of approximately \$86 a year on a \$100,000 home. The vote was 3 to 2, with council members Dick Pelley and Chuck Burris voting no. Before the vote on the property tax increase was taken, Councilman Pelley offered an amendment calling for no property tax increase and to take money out of the city's reserve fund. That was also defeated, 3 to 2.

◆ ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE NEAR ATHENS

The U.S. Geological Survey recorded a 2.0 earthquake shortly before 4 a.m. Wednesday in McMinn County. The quake was centered about half way between Athens and Etowah. Earthquakes that small generally do not cause any damage, but can be felt.

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NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ A self-proclaimed ISIS-sympathizer, Fareded Mumuni, was arrested by the FBI on Wednesday at his Staten Island home around 6:30 a.m. The FBI is in the midst of a broad campaign to disrupt potential terrorists inspired by ISIS. Several arrests are expected before July 4th.

◆ Joyce Mitchell, the prison worker who has been charged with helping two convicted murderers escape from a maximum security New York lockup admitted to investigators that she had sex with one of the fugitives in the tailor shop.

◆ Just days after two teenagers suffered vicious shark bites at North Carolina beaches, a 10-year-old boy was swimming in shallow water in Daytona Beach Shores when he was bitten by what appeared to be a small shark.

◆ The Federal Reserve is expected to raise interest rates slightly by the end of 2015. For now, the Fed said that rates will remain at zero.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Can diabetics eat potatoes? That and other myths will be discussed at the monthly Starr Regional Medical Center's Diabetes Support Group today, June 18, at 6 p.m. in the Physicians Dining Room on the Athens campus. Milli Tallent, RN, will be talking about what food can and cannot be eaten. For more information, call 746-3249.

✓ The Athens Parks Department and the McMinn Senior Center will be hosting the 2015 Southeast District Senior Olympics from September 24 through October 3. An open meeting for the Planning Committee will be held at 12 noon today at the Senior Center. Anyone wishing to volunteer and participate on the committee is welcome. Call Jamison Sliger at 744-2705 for more information.

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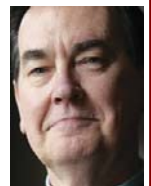
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Shopping At the Market

The Athens Farmers Market at the Market Park Pavilion in Downtown Athens held its open house Tuesday afternoon, with free shopping bags and hotdogs. Vendors were on hand to sell home-grown produce and locally made crafts. The Athens Farmers Market is open Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3 to 6 p.m. and on Saturdays starting at 5 p.m. during the Sounds of Summer concert series. The photo shows a shopper selecting some home-grown cucumbers.



Obituaries

- **Rev. William Martin Walker**, age 82, of Riceville, died Tuesday at his home. He was a Southern Baptist minister for over 50 years, serving at Bethel Spring Baptist, Oak Grove Baptist, Short Creek Baptist, Old Salem Baptist, and several other churches. He was a Korean War veteran, serving in the U.S. Air Force. Graveside services will be at 6 p.m. Thursday at Lower Spring Creek Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hopewell Baptist Church in Cleveland. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.
- **Warren McLean Dougherty**, age 31, of the Mt. Harmony community near Niota, died Tuesday night in a drowning accident. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks were moderately higher after the Federal Reserve meeting, where interest rates remained unchanged at zero. Traders also kept an eye on the Greece debt negotiations ahead of the euro group meeting of regional finance ministers on Thursday. U.S. bonds finished mostly higher for the day.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 31.26 at 17,935.74. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 4.15 at 2,100.44, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 9.33 at 5,064.88.

In commodity markets: The spot price of gold rose \$4.20 to \$1,186.36. The spot price of silver rose \$0.15 to \$16.18, and crude oil prices fell \$0.11 to \$59.86.

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Hiring for production positions will be done in phases beginning in September 2015 with all hiring complete by April 2016. All applicants must apply for positions at a Tennessee Career Center.

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