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LOCAL & STATE NEWS

◆ DEPUTY RESCUES PAIR TRAPPED IN WATER

The heavy rains Thursday night and early Friday caused flooding on several roads in McMinn County. Before daybreak Friday, a call came in to 911 from a frantic woman who said she and her son were stuck in high water and were trapped inside their car on Highway 341 at the McMinn-Monroe County line. Dispatchers rolled the rescue squad. McMinn County Sheriff's Deputy Dillon Presswood was first on the scene. He waded into the water and rescued the pair. He then managed to get their car started and drove it out of the water, said to be 8 to 10 inches deep. He sent them on their way.

◆ JUST HOW MUCH RAIN DID WE GET?

For the first time in six days, the weather forecast is calling for sunny skies on Monday in the Athens area. If you're curious about just how much rain fell in Athens since last Wednesday, Athens Utilities Board measured 7.54 inches in their rain gauge from Wednesday through Monday morning.

◆ 1ST SAME-SEX LICENSE ISSUED IN McMINN

The McMinn County Clerk's Office has issued its first same-sex marriage license following the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling making same-sex marriages legal in all 50 states. The license was issued to two men last Tuesday. County Clerk offices in Tennessee are now required to issue marriage licenses regardless of couples' gender. The McMinn County Clerk's office no longer performs marriages, but they have a list of officials who do.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Florida officials are investigating the death of a 5-year-old girl who was killed when a large sturgeon jumped out of the water and struck her while she was on a boat on the Suwannee River. Her mother and older brother were injured.

◆ Fourteen people were injured when a deck collapsed at a beach house on Emerald Isle, North Carolina, as a family was posing for a group photo.

◆ Captured prison escapee David Sweat has been released from a New York hospital where he was being treated for gunshot wounds. He was moved to a prison in Romulus, New York, where he will be locked up alone in a cell for 23 hours a day.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Heritage School event at the McMinn Living Heritage Museum this coming Saturday, July 11, will be a historical movie about Athens in the 1940's. The movie, "Athens In 1940," is narrated by Allen Boyd, Patsy Cox, and Patsy Duckworth. The movie will be shown from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free to Museum members. The cost is \$5.00 to non-members, which includes a tour of the Museum.

✓ The Summer Reading Program at E.G. Fisher Public Library continues this week. It will be Story Time in the Wetlands at 10 a.m. Monday. There will be CPR/First Aid training for all tweens and teens at 2 p.m. Tomorrow, July 7th, you can sing, dance, and have fun with Mr. Charlie as his one man band rocks out the library.

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Heritage School
July 11 11a-2p
"Athens in 1940"

A historical movie about Athens in the 1940's; narrated by Allen Boyd, Patsy Cox and Patsy Duckworth

Free to Museum members
\$5, non-members (includes a tour)
Sponsored by the C. Scott & Muriel Mayfield Family Foundation & George R. Johnson Family Foundation
livingheritagemuseum.com

WEATHER

Monday - Sunny with a high of 85 & a 30% chance of rain
Monday night - Mostly Cloudy, a low of 68, and a 40% chance of rain
Tuesday - Partly Sunny, high of 89, and a 30% chance of rain
 More Weather & Zoom Radar at: www.wyxi.com

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 Tonight:
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Athens, Tennessee

Fourth of July In the Park

The rains held off, and the Fourth of July Fireworks Show took place on schedule at the Athens Regional Park. As part of the activities, Sweet Georgia Sound from Chattanooga performed. The featured vocalist was Greg Glover, who anchors the news on WRCB-TV, Channel 3. The concert was sponsored by Citizens National Bank and WYXI Radio.

(Photo by Cheri Harrison)



More July 4th Photos

- The crowds in and around the Athens Regional Park enjoyed a magnificent fireworks show Saturday night. (Photo by Cheri Harrison)



- In Decatur, there was a fireworks show last Saturday night and a 4th of July Parade Saturday afternoon. (Photo courtesy of State Sen. Mike Bell)



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TODAY IN HISTORY - JULY 6

1699 - The notorious pirate, Captain William Kidd, was seized in Boston and deported to England. He was later hanged.

1747 - John Paul Jones was born in Scotland. He became a famous American naval hero, and is considered to be the father of the U.S. Navy. At one point in his career, when the British demanded that he surrender, he replied: "I have not yet begun to fight!"

1854 - The Republican Party was formally established at a meeting in New York.

1925 - Rock 'n' Roller Bill Haley was born. He and the Comets had a blockbuster hit record in the mid-1950's, "Rock Around The Clock."

1944 - Thirty-five men were killed and more than 100 injured when an L&N troop train ran off the rails near Jellico, TN, and plunged into a river gorge. The dead included the engineer, John Rollins of Etowah.