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Monday, July 13, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

LOCAL & STATE NEWS

◆ LOCAL AUTHOR WINS AWARD

The Chattanooga Writers Guild recently awarded Stephen Pell of Athens its top honor for fiction writing. Pell penned a short story about a factory worker that had an unusually high amount of copper in his brain cells that gave him the ability to communicate with machines. The story was entitled "Crazy Johnny" and will be available in print and online. In the photo is Pell receiving the award from a member of the Writers Guild.



◆ VETERINARY CLINICS LATEST TARGETS

A rash of break-ins at veterinary clinics has law enforcement officers busy. Two clinics were hit in Cleveland last week and police are reporting over a dozen break-ins so far this summer between Chattanooga and Johnson City. Thieves are stealing all of the clinics flea, tick and heartworm medications. One box of the heartworm pills sells for about \$120.00. To combat the thefts, drug manufacturers are starting to put serial numbers on their medicine packets so that they can be traced to the original vet who purchased them. Thieves are selling the drugs at flea markets and online.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Mexican drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman used a tunnel opening from the shower area inside to escape a maximum security prison for a second time. Guzman escaped from a prison outside Mexico City shortly before 9 p.m. Saturday. He was once described by the U.S. Treasury as "the most powerful drug trafficker in the world."

◆ Several people were injured on Saturday after two arriving flights at Washington Dulles International Airport encountered severe turbulence. The severe turbulence seemed to strike out of nowhere jolting two United Airlines flights just minutes apart during their final approach.

◆ Police departments across the country are seeing a surge in crime, higher than they have seen in years. Cities such as Houston, St. Louis, New Orleans and Baltimore have all had upticks in their homicide numbers so far this year. In Baltimore, after Freddie Gray died in police custody in April, arrests in the city plummeted, and May was the deadliest month the city had seen in over 40 years.

◆ Republican presidential candidate Carly Fiorina declined to say whether she would support Donald Trump if he won the party's bid for the White House, however, she said that Trump taps into an anger she hears daily on issues like immigration.

◆ Republican presidential hopeful Donald Trump spoke at a rally in Phoenix on Saturday, drawing a huge crowd. Trump vowed that if he wins the Republican nomination, he would also win the Hispanic vote, "because I'm taking jobs back from China, I'm taking jobs back from many places."



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Monday - Partly sunny. 30% chance of rain. High near 90.
Monday night - Mostly cloudy, 40% rain chance. Low near 70.
Tuesday - Partly sunny. 60% chance of rain. High near 90.
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Athens, Tennessee

Ribbon Cutting at ATI P.T.

A ribbon cutting was recently celebrated for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member ATI Physical Therapy located at 1808 Decatur Pike #20 in Athens. Joining in the celebration were left to right: Lisa Harrison (Chamber Diplomat), Alyson Bryant (ATI Physical Therapy Assistant), Amanda Shaw (Chamber Diplomat), Matt Douglas (ATI Physical Therapist/Clinic Director), Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Chris Maschhoff (ATI Regional Director), Kim York (Chamber Diplomat), Billie Crabtree (Chamber Diplomat), Amy Madison (ATI Business Development), Shane Sewell (Chamber Chairman), Patty Weaver (Chamber Board Member), Dick Pelley (Athens City Councilman). (Photo courtesy of the Athens Chamber of Commerce)



Obituaries

- **Nancy Lynn Proffitt Chapman**, age 81, of Chattanooga and formerly from Decatur, passed away Friday. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Bowers Funeral Home with burial in the Decatur Cemetery.
- **Pauline Boggess**, age 58, of Decatur, passed away Friday night at Park West Medical Center in Knoxville. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- **Terrance Shawn Stout**, age 53, of Decatur, passed away Saturday at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 8 p.m. Monday at Bowers Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m.
- **Tommy Stewart, Jr.**, age 55, of Newport News, Virginia and formerly of Athens, passed away Saturday night at Sweetwater Hospital. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home and Cremations Services.



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



A lot of teens spend their summer playing video games, going to the lake, or just "hanging out", but not Austin Smith. The 16-year old decided to start his own business; mowing lawns, bush-hogging, and pressure washing. Austin says he "bought a truck, a mower, and a trailer, and has to pay for them." You can reach him at 435-2880.



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THIS DAY IN HISTORY - JULY 13

- 1863** - More than 1,000 people were killed in New York City when riots broke out in opposition to the military draft.
- 1865** - Horace Greeley wrote an editorial in the New York Tribune newspaper in which he said, "Go west, young man, go west." His comment was directed toward the unemployed.
- 1923** - A sign consisting of 50-foot-tall letters spelling out "HOLLYWOODLAND" was dedicated in the Hollywood Hills to promote a subdivision (the last four letters were removed in 1949)
- 1939** - Frank Sinatra made his first commercial recording, "From the Bottom of My Heart" and "Melancholy Mood," with Harry James and his Orchestra for the Brunswick record label.
- 1960** - John F. Kennedy won the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in Los Angeles.
- 1962** - Bluegrass singer Rhonda Vincent was born.
- 1977** - A 25-hour blackout hit the New York City metro area after lightning struck upstate power lines.