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Athens, Tennessee

State and Local News

◆ PLANES TO DROP RABIES VACCINE

For the 16th year, the Tennessee Department of Health is joining with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to distribute rabies vaccine for wild raccoons in East Tennessee. Beginning Saturday, Sept. 30th, vaccine packets will be dropped by airplane and helicopter in McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, Polk, Bradley, and Hamilton counties. The vaccine drop will continue through October 25th. The packets are coated with fishmeal. Although the vaccine products are safe, the USDA says if you or your pet find bait, confine your pet and look for other baits in the area. Wear gloves and toss the bait into a wooded or fencerow area. The bait packets should be removed from places where your pet could easily eat them. Eating the baits won't harm your pet, but consuming several baits might upset your pet's stomach. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water if there is any chance the vaccine packet has been ruptured. Instruct children to leave baits alone. A warning label on each bait packet advises people not to touch the bait, and contains the rabies information line telephone number.

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National & World News

◆ The Taliban and ISIS are both taking credit for a rocket attack on Kabul's airport early Wednesday just hours after James Mattis, U.S. Secretary of Defense, landed in Afghanistan for a surprise visit.

◆ North Korea's recent threat to shoot down American military aircraft outside of its airspace recalls an infamous incident in 1969 where North Korean fighters shot down a U.S. Navy reconnaissance aircraft, killing the 31 American sailors aboard.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Parks and Recreation Department advises us that there is a correction on the date for the TWU Free Girls Softball Camp. The camp will be held on October 3rd, not October 2nd.

✓ You are invited to have "Coffee with a Cop" next Wednesday, October 4th, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Athens McDonald's. The Athens Police Department, the McMinn County Sheriff's Department, and the Tennessee Highway Patrol will participate.

FOOTBALL: The McMinn High School Cherokees will host Bradley Central...the Central Chargers play at Loudon...Meigs County travels up the mountain to Cumberland County...and Walker Valley plays at Lenoir City. The UT Vols host Georgia in Knoxville Saturday. Game time is 3:30 and will be aired on the CBS Television network.



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Registration forms available at: Etowah Chamber, Tennessee Overhill & Gentle Dental. Bring your "Homemade" Pie to the Etowah Depot Railroad Museum between 8-9:30am Sat., Oct. 7th. Judging starts at 10am. Each pie will be judged on Taste, Appearance & Texture. For more info: call 423-263-7232 or 423-263-2228
****An Etowah Chamber of Commerce Event****



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Church News and Events

~ Camp Meeting 2017 will be held this Sunday, October 1st, at the Historic Spring Creek Campground. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. Dr. Shane Arnold will speak at 6 p.m. Crystle Elam will sing. The Camp Meeting is presented by the Calhoun and Spring Creek United Methodist Churches. For directions, call 336-2484 or 476-8221.

~ Allen Memorial United Methodist Church, 800 Decatur Pike, Athens, will have a "Blessing of the Animals" service this Sunday at 4 p.m. The community is invited to bring their animals to be blessed. If you are not able to actually bring your animal, you may bring a picture or simply the name of the animal.

~ Lakeside Baptist Church on Highway 304 in Ten Mile will have its Homecoming Service this Sunday. Worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. Turning Point will be singing. There will be food and fellowship following the service.

~ Athens Lutheran Church will have a Chicken Barbecue on Saturday, October 7th, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. You can get half of a BBQ Chicken, 2 sides, and dessert, soda or water, for \$9. Eat in or carry out.

~ Voice of Deliverance Ministry, Old Riceville Road, invites you to their upcoming Y.A.M. (Young Adult Ministry) event on Sunday, October 8th, at 5 p.m. The guest speaker will be Minister Alvin Jackson from Lee University. Dinner will be served.

~ St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Animal Aid invite you to the Blessing of the Animals & Food Collection for Impoverished Pets this coming Wednesday, October 4th, at 5:30 p.m. Pet food donations will go into Animal Aid's Pet Food Pantry.

Obituaries

◆ **Nikki Guffey**, age 19, of Cleveland (and formerly of Etowah), died Tuesday evening in a traffic accident in Cleveland. She attended Etowah City School, McMinn Central High School, and Bradley Central High School. A celebration of life and homegoing will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at Serenity Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks were mostly up as investors continued to gauge the likelihood of the Republican tax plan passing through the Congress. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 40 points to 22,381. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 3 points to 2,510, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was flat at 6,453.

◆ MINOR INJURIES IN A CAR-BIKE CRASH

Several readers have asked us about an incident last Sunday night in which a bicycle was struck by a car on Congress Parkway at the entrance to Pizza Hut. Interim Police Chief Rob Davis says Mark Lankford, 38, of Athens was riding his bike down the shoulder of Congress Parkway, going south on the northbound side when he was hit by a car. The driver, Gregory Hall of Athens, said he did not see Lankford approach and attempted to pull out onto Congress Parkway. He said it was dark and the bike had no lights on it. Lankford was taken to Starr Regional, treated for minor injuries, and released. Davis says no charges are pending.

FOR ADDICTION AWARENESS

SOME SIGNS OF POSSIBLE DRUG ABUSE

moodiness	loss of interest in activities	problems with academics
excessively long time in the bathroom	unfriendly peers who avoid eye contact	black fingertips/smudges on doors/clothes
dramatic explanations	agitation	tardiness to family activities
loss of appetite	gaunt/pale coloring	evasive eye contact
trouble with police	not accepting responsibility	missing valuables
quick trips to grab something from the house or car	requests to see the doctor for pain	ID cards with worn out edges/ or powder residue
new valuables of unexplained origin	paraphernalia: missing spoons, broken ball point pens	conspiracy stories
insolent behavior	friends who wait in the car	etc.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU KNOW OR SUSPECT A LOVE ONE IS USING

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