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ISSUE	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	Dates/Length
PUBLIC INTEREST	Motorcycle enforcement campaign	<p>The Tennessee Highway Patrol's Knoxville District is set to kick-off a motorcycle enforcement campaign in an area known for dangerous driving. State Troopers assigned to the motorcycle units will saturate U.S. Highway 129, also known as "The Dragon," to crack down on aggressive and reckless driving and reduce serious injury and fatal crashes.</p> <p>This traffic safety effort will run from September 13 through September 15. During those dates, there are two events that cause increased traffic on U.S. Highway 129: "Thunder in the Smokies" in Maggie Valley, N.C. and "Fall Rod Run" in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. As part of the enforcement, State Troopers will target aggressive and reckless driving, speeding, impaired driving, and seat belt safety. They will also hold a sobriety checkpoint on U.S. Highway 129 on Saturday, September 14. "The Dragon," which has become a popular attraction for motorcyclists, is an 11-mile stretch of roadway that contains 318 curves. As of September 9, there has been one motorcyclist killed on U.S. Hwy 129 this year. The THP received grant funding from the Governor's Highway Safety Office to pay overtime for State Troopers participating in the enforcement.</p>	<p>9/11/2013 5:03 pm</p> <p>9/12/2013 7:03 am</p>
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HUMAN INTEREST	The Bean Station man accused of shooting four people has been indicted	<p>The Bean Station man accused of shooting four people in a pharmacy robbery earlier this year has been indicted by the Grainger County grand jury on additional charges.</p> <p>According to a news release from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, he was indicted on two counts of first degree murder, two counts of attempted first degree murder, two counts of felony murder, five counts of aggravated assault, eight counts of especially aggravated kidnapping, six counts of possession of a firearm during the commission of a dangerous felony and one count of especially aggravated robbery. The release stated that the man was originally arrested minutes after the shooting on May 23, 2013 and charged with murder, attempted murder and aggravated robbery. He has remained in jail without bond since then. He entered the Down Home Pharmacy on Main Street and robbed the store at gunpoint of eight bottles of Oxycodone pills then shot all four occupants of the business. The store owner, Steve Lovell, 43, of Morristown, and a customer, Richard Sommerville, 72, of Bean Station, were shot and killed. Two pharmacy employees, Janet Clift, 46, of Rutledge, and Alexia Gail Wilson, 43, of Morristown, were also shot, but survived their injuries. He is expected to be arraigned in court next Tuesday, September 17th and remains in the Grainger County Jail without bond.</p>	<p>9/11/2013 5:04:03 pm</p> <p>9/12/2013 7:04:02 am</p>
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EDUCATION	Environmental education programs in Great Smoky Mountains National Park	Thanks to several generous donors, Friends of the Smokies was able to invest over \$226,000 in environmental education programs in Great Smoky Mountains National Park during the 2012-2013 school year. A news release stated that through a combination of foundation grants, major corporate gifts and purchases of Friends of the Smokies' North Carolina and Tennessee specialty license plates, 20,324 students and 4,685 teachers and chaperones enjoyed the national park as an enormous outdoor schoolroom through programs like Parks as Classrooms and Teacher-Ranger-Teacher. According to the release, through the Parks in Classrooms program, lessons are presented in traditional school environments to schools that do not get to visit the Park. In the summer, a select few educators work alongside park staff acquiring in-depth knowledge of GSMNP which they take back to their classrooms as part of TRT. Additionally, kids from across the U.S. and around the world have the opportunity to become Junior Rangers as part of their visit to GSMNP. In the release Friends of the Smokies President Jim Hart said, "Students from East Tennessee and Western North Carolina are so fortunate to have one of America's greatest natural treasures right in their backyard, and because of the generosity of these donors and Friends' license plate buyers, even students from as far away as Indiana can participate in interactive, online distance learning opportunities through Parks as Classrooms." To learn more about Friends of the Smokies, visit www.friendsofthesmokies.org .	8/2/2013 5:04 pm 8/5/2013 7:04 am
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HEALTH	Obamacare cost being felt	Although Obamacare doesn't go into effect until next January, it's cost is already being felt. According to the Knoxville News-Sentinel, Knox County this year has to pay almost \$300,000 on behalf of members of its health plan to cover "transitional reinsurance" fees tied to the Affordable Care Act. Furthermore, it will also have to make payments — \$5.25 per member per month — each of the next two years. The News-Sentinel reported that county Finance Director Chris Caldwell said the county has 4,700 members, including spouses and dependents, on its plan, and the amount owed will fluctuate as people join or leave. For the time being, the money will come from the county's health insurance reserve fund, which is approximately \$500,000. However, the administration wants to put up to \$4 million in expected surplus revenues into the reserve fund, once the current fiscal year books are closed this summer. According to Caldwell, the county's plan covers general county workers, fee office employees and the Sheriff's Office. The transitional reinsurance program will require all self-insured group health plans and health insurance issuers to pay the per-enrollee fees. Humana, the county's third-party administrator, will actually collect the fee and turn it over to the federal government.	7/1/2013 5:04:59 pm 7/2/2013 7:04:59 am
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WEATHER	TVA working to move large volumes of water	<p>According to a news release, the Tennessee Valley Authority is working to move large volumes of water – as much as 1 million gallons per second in some places - along the Tennessee River system to reduce potentially damaging flooding from record rainfall. The release stated that the agency prepared for this event by lowering reservoir levels on the main channel of the Tennessee River beginning the last week of June, leaving some areas below normal for this time of year. However, extreme rainfall and runoff in the middle and eastern portions of the Tennessee Valley over the past week are now forcing TVA to spill or release excess water from 10 of 20 tributary dams and all nine main channel dams along the 652-mile Tennessee River. The release added that spilling along the dams is expected to last one to two weeks. As this water moves through the system, agricultural crops planted in floodplain areas along the Tennessee River in Northern Alabama and West Tennessee will be impacted by higher than normal water elevations.</p>	<p>7/24/2013 5:04:55 pm</p> <p>7/25/2013 7:04:55 am</p>
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