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LOCAL & AREA NEWS

◆ NELSON LEAVES SCHOOL BOARD RACE

A longtime member of the Athens City School Board has withdrawn from the race for re-election. Jim Nelson has served for 8 years. He says since there are some great candidates this year, he's decided that serving 8 years is enough. Nelson says it's been an interesting 8 years, he's enjoyed it, and hopes he's been a help. Nelson is the second long-time school board member to decide not to run for re-election. Harold "Prof" Powers announced several weeks ago that he would be stepping down at the end of his term.

◆ CLARIFICATION OF STOP SIGN CHANGES

Yesterday, we reported that the intersection of Rosedale and Wabash Streets in Athens will be made a 3-WAY STOP effective August 31, with stop signs in place on Wabash Street. The Athens Public Works Department also says there will be another change on Rosedale Street. Effective August 31, stop signs will be erected on College Street at Rosedale, making that intersection a 4-WAY Stop. Motorists are advised to watch for the new signs at those two intersections and use caution.

FACTOID: In case you haven't noticed, this August has 5 Sundays, 5 Mondays, and 5 Tuesdays. It happens only once in 823 years. (Sorry, there's only 4 paydays !!)

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ The economic recovery appears to be stalling as companies cut back on their investments in equipment and machines last month and Americans bought new homes at the weakest pace in decades. The amount consumers owned on their credit cards in the second quarter of this year dropped to the lowest level in more than eight years as cardholders continued to pay off balances in the uncertain economy.

◆ On Wall Street, the Dow Jones Industrials Average closed at 10,060.06; up 19.61 points.

◆ Alaska Senator Lisa Murkowski appears to have lost to Joe Miller, a political novice backed by Sarah Palin and the TEA Party. With 98% of the Republican primary votes counted, Miller led by nearly 2,000 votes. Absentee ballots will not be counted until August 31.

◆ A total of 14 apparently coordinated car bombs exploded in various cities across Iraq on Wednesday, killing 55 people and wounding 250. The bombs targeted Iraqi police.

◆ British singing sensation Susan Boyle will sing with an 800 person choir at a Mass during Pope Benedict XVI's visit to Britain next month. Boyle will sing hymns along with "I Dreamed A Dream," the song from "Les Miserables" that catapulted her to fame on the TV show "Britain's Got Talent."

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Obituaries

James Ledford, age 66, of Etowah died Wednesday at his home. He was retired from Athens Supply. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 6-8 p.m.

Community News You Can Use

√ This is Student Day at the Mid-East Tennessee Regional Fair at the Athens Regional Park. Gates open at 2 p.m. and admission is free to all students. The day's events include the "Fairest of the Fair" pageant at 6 p.m., plus racing pigs and exhibits.

√ The McMinn County Election Commission will meet at 5 p.m. today in the Conference Room of the Courthouse Annex to certify petitions for the Athens, Calhoun, and Niota city elections.

√ During the last year and a half, the McMinn County Amateur Radio Club has been busy re-locating most of their repeaters. Most of the frequencies have changed. For the benefit of scanner listeners, the Club's repeaters transmit on the following frequencies:

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| 145.310 | 442.275 (Athens) |
| 147.060 (Athens) | 443.275 (Western McMinn) |
| 145.150 (Western McMinn County) | |

At the current time, 147.060 is the main frequency used for Skywarn, which is a program of the National Weather Service that uses amateur radio operators to relay weather observations that the NWS can use to determine locations for warnings they issue during severe weather. More information at: www.mcminnarc.com

Movies Return to Gem Theater

Guess what's coming back to the Gem Theater in Etowah? You're right if you said "movies." Movies have not been shown at the Gem Theater for over 25 years. But, thanks to the efforts of the Etowah Arts Commission, a state of the art projection system and movie screen have been installed. A fall film festival has already been scheduled to showcase blockbuster movies such as "Breakfast at Tiffany's," "Ghostbusters," and "It's A Wonderful Life." The Gem Theater was built in 1906 and was the largest building in Etowah. It was converted into a theater in 1918.



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THIS DAY IN HISTORY - Aug. 26
1883 - The volcano of Krakatoa in the Dutch East Indies began an explosive eruption which destroyed two-thirds of the island and killed 36,000 people. The eruption was heard thousands of miles away.
1906 - Albert Sabin was born in Russia. He moved to the U.S. and won fame for developing the oral polio vaccine.
1920 - The 19th Amendment to the Constitution was certified. It gave women the right to vote. State Rep. Harry T. Burn from Niota cast what turned out to be the deciding vote in favor of the resolution in the Tennessee legislature at the request of his mother.
1942 - Singer Vic Dana was born. Among his hit records, "Red Roses For A Blue Lady" and "Bring A Little Sunshine (To My Heart)."
1949 - Singer Bob Cowsill of the Cowsills was born. Their hit records include "Indian Lake" and "The Rain, the Park, and Other Things."

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