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Monday-July 16, 2012

Local & State News

◆ NEW DATE SET FOR FIREWORKS SHOW

The City of Athens has announced that the Comcast July 4th fireworks show, which was postponed due to dry conditions and fires, has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 1st, at 8:30 p.m. at the Athens Regional Park. The date falls on Labor Day weekend. Parks Director Austin Fesmire says Tennessee plays football on Friday and Boomsday in Knoxville is on Sunday. That leaves Saturday free from major events. Due to an earlier sunset, the fireworks show will start at 8:30 p.m.

◆ FARMERS MARKET HOURS TO CHANGE

Because of consumer demand, the hours for the Farmers Market in downtown Athens are being revised. Beginning tomorrow, the Farmers Market will be open from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays through October 30th. Previously, the hours were 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Aaron Sewell, assistant program coordinator for the Athens Parks and Recreation Department, says a lot of people were coming to the Market during the 2 o'clock hour wanting to buy. She says both vendors and customers agreed it was in the best interest to open at 2.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ President Obama says Washington "feels as broken now as it did four years ago" when he took office. He says he underestimated how much "politics trump problem-solving."

◆ Senator Rand Paul says he has enough support to force a Senate vote on a bill to strip Pakistan of U.S. aid unless Shakil Afridi, the doctor who helped the CIA track the location of Osama bin Laden, is freed from prison.

◆ An Oregon gas station owner and an Iraqi adventurer have been forced by thunderstorms to abort their attempt to fly their lawnmowers from Oregon to Montana. Their homemade tandem lawn chair rig was lifted by 350 helium-filled balloons. However, they only traveled about 30 miles before they were forced down. Their equipment included a GPS, satellite phone, oxygen, two-way radios, parachutes, and two Red Ryder BB rifles to shoot out enough balloons to come down to earth at the end of the flight.

◆ The mayor of the small Alaskan town of Talkeetna is a cat named Stubbs. Residents decided they did not like the mayoral candidates, so they launched a successful write-in campaign to elect Stubbs. His election has earned Stubbs enough press attention to turn the town into a tourist destination. Stubbs hangs out at a general store.



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Athens, Tennessee

3 Hurt in Congress Parkway Crash

Three people, including a small child, were injured in a collision between a mini-van and a truck on Congress Parkway at Chuck Redfern Drive this past Friday afternoon. Athens police say Ashley Plemons was driving northbound when a truck pulling another truck pulled out of Redfern Drive in front of her. Ms. Plemons, another adult female, and a small girl were transported to Athens Regional Medical Center. The driver of the truck was cited for failure to yield. (Photo by Jay Thomson)



Obituaries

Earlane Hamby Lawson, age 80, of Athens died last Thursday at Parkwest Hospital. Graveside services were held on Saturday. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens was in charge.

Melvin Thomas Henry, age 81, of Etowah died last Wednesday at his home. He was retired after 30 years at Bowater. Funeral services were held on Sunday. M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens was in charge.

Charles Howard Coleman, age 74, of Athens died Friday at Athens Life Care Center. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Monday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.

Georgia Ellen Buttram, age 94, of Snellville, Georgia (and formerly of Athens) died July 5th in Snellville. She was the widow of the late McMinn County Sheriff Roy E. Buttram. A family Memorial was held in celebration of her life.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The burning ban for the City of Athens has been lifted. However, the Athens Fire Department reminds you that you still have to call and get permission to burn inside the city limits.
- ✓ The McMinn/Meigs Agriculture Roundtable will meet this Thursday at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's of Athens. The guest speaker will be State Senator Mike Bell. Breakfast will be dutch treat. For information, call 745-6301, extension 2.

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