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Thursday-June 27, 2013

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

- ✓ The Athens Parks and Recreation Department announces there will be a Flag Football League beginning this fall. Games will be held at the Athens Regional Park on weeknights. Children will be divided into the following age groups: six and under, eight and under, 11 and under, and 15 and under. The cost is \$55, which includes an authentic NFL jersey. You can register through August 2nd at the Parks and Recreation Office at the Athens City Municipal Building.
- ✓ The free "Sounds of Summer" concert series continues this Saturday evening at 7 at Market Park in Downtown Athens. This Saturday's music will feature the Reliance Bluegrass Band.
- ✓ Angel Thurman, an up-and-coming young singer from Decatur, is going to Atlanta on July 28th to audition for a slot on "American Idol."
- ✓ The American Legion will have its monthly fish fry this Friday from 5 to 7:15 p.m. at the VFW Post on Congress Parkway. The cost is \$9.00 for all you can eat. The public is invited.
- ✓ The Athens Community Development Department has issued a reminder that state law requires smoke detectors to be installed in all apartment buildings and hotels. Apartment buildings are defined as having three or more living units with independent cooking and bathroom facilities. Hotel means any building that provides sleeping accommodations for guests, travelers, or semi-permanent residents.

National News

- ◆ Rachel Jeantel, 19, was on the phone with 17-year-old Travon Martin moments before he was fatally shot by George Zimmerman. Jeantel testified that she heard Martin shout, "Get off! Get off!" before his telephone went dead. She told jurors how Martin told her he was being followed by a man as he walked through the Retreat at Twin Lakes townhome complex, on his way back from a convenience store, to the home of his father's fiancée.
- ◆ The Supreme Court gave the nation's legally married gay couples equal federal footing with all other married Americans on Wednesday and also cleared the way for same-sex marriages to resume in California. The high court did not issue the sweeping declaration sought by gay rights advocates that would have allowed same-sex couples to marry anywhere in the country. In a 5-4 majority, the justices gave gay marriage supporters encouragement in confronting the nationwide patchwork of laws that outlaw such unions in roughly three dozen states.
- ◆ Aaron Hernandez, tight end for the New England Patriots, was arrested Wednesday and charged with murder in the shooting death of Odin Lloyd. The Patriots announced that they had cut Hernandez from the team. He was a 2011 Pro Bowl selection who signed a five-year contract last summer worth \$40 million.



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Thursday-June 27, 2013

Athens, Tennessee

TWC Athletes Sign Pro Contracts

Tennessee Wesleyan College recently had four baseball players sign professional contracts to continue their baseball careers. Michael Carballo, center fielder, was drafted by the Chicago White Sox. AAC Player of the Year Jake Stone, a first baseman, by the St. Louis Cardinals, and Justin Springer, a pitcher, by the Texas Rangers. Corey Rhoney, a pitcher, signed with the Kansas City Royals as a free agent.

Pictured below, L to R: Rhoney, Stone, Springer and Carballo.



REMINDER: The deadline for entering your child in the Etowah Fourth of July Pageant is next Monday, July 1st, at 5 p.m. The pageant has four divisions for young girls ranging from birth up to 8 years and one division for boys from birth to three years. Entry forms are available at Blair's Bo-Kay Florist or the Etowah Chamber.

Obituaries

Floyd "Danny" Langston, age 69, of Athens died last Sunday at Tennova Healthcare in Knoxville. He was a member of the Tennessee National Guard and had a career in sales. Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 4 to 6 p.m.

Monica Dawn Jackson, age 38, of Etowah died June 20. A memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home, with visitation at 1 p.m.

Scottie Lynn Grady, age 51, of Athens died Wednesday at his home. He worked at Heil for 18 years. Funeral services will be 11 am Saturday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5-8 p.m. Friday at Ziegler.

Charles Johnson, 84, of Athens died Wednesday in a Knoxville hospital. Funeral arrangements will be announced by M.D. Doston & Sons.

James Howard Guffey, age 67, of Englewood, died Tuesday at Erlanger Medical Center. He had served in the U.S. Air Force. A Memorial Service will be held at 12 noon Thursday, June 27th, at Chestnut Baptist Church Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Bordwine is in charge.

Restaurant Inspection Scores

The following Athens restaurants were inspected between June 17th and 25th. A grade of 70 and above is passing.

- Little Caesars - 96**
- Open Door Cafe - 95**
- Western Sizzlin - 94**
- Sonic - 93**
- Jenkins Grill & Market - 93**
- The Spot - 92**
- Monterrey's #2 (Decatur Pike) - 89**
- Asahi Japanese Grill - 79**

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TODAY IN HISTORY - June 27

1844 - Mormon leader Joseph Smith & his brother were killed by a mob in Carthage, Illinois.

1847 - New York & Boston were linked by telegraph.

1880 - Helen Keller was born in Tuscumbia, Alabama. When she was 19 months old, she suffered an illness that left her blind, deaf, & mute. Anne Sullivan taught her to speak, read braille, and lip-read by placing her fingers on the lips and throat of the speaker. Keller later wrote several books and gave lectures around the world.

1927 - TV icon Bob Keeshan was born. He was best-known as Captain Kangaroo. He died in 2004.

1950- The U.N. Security Council passed a resolution calling on member nations to help South Korea repel an invasion from the North.

1985 - Route 66, which originally stretched from Chicago to Santa Monica, California, passed into history as officials decertified the road.

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