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Wednesday, July 2, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ LOTS OF JULY 4TH EVENTS PLANNED

Friday is the 4th of July. The celebration begins in Etowah at 7:30 a.m. with the annual Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast. A 5K Road Race is set for 8 a.m. Opening ceremonies for the Etowah Old Fashion Fourth of July Celebration will be at 9 a.m. at the L&N Depot. The beauty pageant takes place at 10a.m. There will be games, music, and food throughout the day, ending with the fireworks show at 9:45 p.m.

The Athens Fireworks display will start at 9:30 p.m. at the Athens Regional Park. The 22-minute show is being billed as the largest fireworks display ever held in McMinn County.

There will also be a fireworks show in Sweetwater, Ten Mile, and Decatur.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Due to the July 4th holiday, the Athens Municipal Building, Public Works Department, Recycle Center, and Animal Shelter will be closed on Friday. Friday's residential garbage routes will be picked up on Thursday, July 3rd.

✓ The "Sounds of Summer" concert series continues this Saturday night at the Market Park Pavilion in downtown Athens. It will be "Patriotic Night." The music will be performed by Rose Drive and Sonic Fusion.

✓ The last day to register to vote in the August 7th County General Election and state primary is July 8th. Early voting is set to begin on July 18th and will continue through August 2nd.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ The Federal Trade Commission has filed a complaint in a federal court in Seattle, claiming that T-Mobile billed consumers for subscriptions to premium text services such as \$10-per-month for horoscopes that were never authorized by the account holder. T-Mobile USA apparently made hundreds of millions off its customers from bogus charges. The charges were associated with a third party, and the practice is known as "cramming". The FTC is warning consumers to ask their providers to block all third-party businesses from providing services on their phones.

◆ A chemical explosion at a General Motors metal-stamping plant in Indiana has left one person dead and five others injured. The blast killed 48-year-old James L. Gibson, a GM contractor. Five other people have non-life threatening injuries.

◆ Graco Children's Products is recalling 1.9 million infant car seats in what is now the largest seat recall in American history.

◆ Israel has bombed dozens of Hamas targets hours after the bodies of three abducted teens killed by Hamas were buried.

◆ In the FIFA World Cup match on Tuesday, the U.S was defeated by Belgium despite the efforts of goalkeeper Tim Howard who had a spectacular 16 saves in the match of his life. Belgium won 2-1 in the World Cup match played in Salvador, Brazil.



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TODAY IN HISTORY - JULY 2

1776 - The Continental Congress formally approved a resolution which became the Declaration of Independence from Britain. It was signed two days later.

1815 - A British clown named J. Usher met a challenge and set sail on the River Thames in England. He rode in a wash tub drawn by four geese. By early afternoon, he had passed under four bridges and reached Cumberland Gardens, fulfilling his challenge and attracting a large crowd.

1937- American aviator Amelia Earhart and co-pilot Frederick Noonan were reported lost over the Pacific Ocean. They were never found.

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WEATHER
Wednesday - Mostly sunny.
20% rain & t'storms in PM.
Highs in the lower 90's.
Wednesday night - Partly
cloudy. 30% rain & t'storms.
Lows in the upper 60's.
Thursday - Mostly sunny.
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Hey Ma, We're Hungry!

Our thanks to Jennifer Hardison for sending us this photo of three baby Purple Martins who were "feeding" at the Wetlands next to the E.G. Fisher Public Library.



Obituaries

- **Olen Luther McRae**, age 63, of Riceville died Sunday at his residence. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Jimmy Dewayne Goins**, age 65, of Ten Mile died this past Sunday. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Bowers Funeral Home in Decatur, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m.
- **Imo Estell Lawson Derrick**, age 83, of Cleveland died Monday at her home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.
- **Wilburn Henry Cannon, Jr.**, age 55, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 12 noon to 2 p.m.
- **Ruth Aretta Harris Lichlyter**, age 73, of Englewood died Monday at her home. She was a native of Monroe County and a long-time resident of McMinn County. Interment will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Center Cemetery. Funeral services were held Tuesday night at Bierley-Hale Funeral Home in Madisonville.
- **Wanda Dixon**, age 69, of Riceville died Tuesday. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah.

ONE INJURED IN COUNTY ROAD 609 CRASH

A two-vehicle crash Monday afternoon on County Road 609 sent a child to the hospital for apparently minor injuries. The drivers of the two cars were not injured, but one had to be extricated from her car. Troopers say one car sideswiped the other in a curve. (Photo by Jay Thomson)



TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 129.47 at 16,956.07. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 13.09 at 1,973.32, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 50.47 at 4,458.65.

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