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Wednesday, July 16, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ POLICE & FIRE REPORTS FOR JUNE

The Athens City Council got the monthly reports from the city's police and fire chiefs at Tuesday evening's council meeting.

Police Chief Chuck Ziegler's report shows there were 54 thefts, 22 assaults, 10 burglaries, 3 robberies, 3 vehicle thefts, one homicide, and one sex offense in the city in June. In addition, police officers issued 561 citations for moving violations. There were 66 traffic accidents, with a total of 10 injuries.

Fire Chief Jim Dyer reported that firefighters responded to 39 calls in June. There were two residential fires, one commercial fire, one vehicle fire, five vehicle accidents, five false alarms, and 25 miscellaneous calls. Total losses for the month were \$203,100. A June 6th fire at Joe's Italian Restaurant at 601 W. Madison Avenue accounted for \$200,000 of that figure.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ Regional musicians are invited to perform at The Arts Center's free **Open Mic Night** on Friday, August 8th, at 7:30 p.m. Open Mic is an "audition" for up-and-coming acts that want to be considered for a concert in The House Blend Concert Series. If you would like to perform, register by Aug. 5th by calling 745-8781.
- ✓ The Medic Regional Blood Center's Bloodmobile will be at the Athens Wal-Mart today from noon to 7 p.m.
- ✓ The Athens Community Theater and Tennessee Wesleyan College Theatre Department announce audition dates for their September 2014 "Town and Gown" production of *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder. Community auditions will be at Townsend Auditorium on the TWC campus on Monday, August 18th, from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Tuesday, August 19th, from 6 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, call The Arts Center at 745-8781.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ Shimon Peres, Israeli President, said that the killing of Palestinian civilians by air raids on Gaza presents a moral dilemma. Peres argued there is scant alternatives as long as the Islamic militants who rule Gaza refuse to stop sustained rocket fire against Israel.
- ◆ The United States is considering imposing unilateral sanctions on Russia over its threatening moves in Ukraine.
- ◆ The US military will not be sending F-35 fighter jets to take part in the famed Farnborough air show in Britain as planned, citing safety precautions.
- ◆ Manual typewriters are being considered by the German government for highly sensitive documents as a way to counter spying. Germany is following Russia, which announced earlier that it's returning to typewriters and paper to prevent cyber-hacking.
- ◆ The Egyptian cease-fire plan between Israel and Hamas has already unraveled after the Islamic Hamas militants rejected the plan.
- ◆ Water consumption increased in California this year during the severe drought, despite pleas from their governor to conserve. Fallowed farm fields and reservoirs are quickly draining reserves.
- ◆ The House voted Tuesday to make a moratorium permanent which will prevent state and local governments from taxing access to the Internet.

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Wednesday night - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid to upper 50's.
Thursday - Mostly sunny.
Highs in the lower 80's.
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MCMINN COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS

Dan Evans has misinformed the Certification Board in Nashville of his qualifications. Dan was not the assistant Highway Commissioner. He was the office assistant trainee. He was never in charge of any roads in McMinn County. Dan worked a total of 2 years and 1 month at the department. The records at the Highway Department will verify this information.

Paid for by: Randall R. Moss, Highway Commissioner

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Athens, Tennessee

More State & Local News

◆ BEAR SPOTTED IN MEIGS COUNTY

Several residents reported seeing a young bear in the vicinity of County Road 182, Brickle Ridge Road, and North No Pone Valley Road near the McMinn-Meigs County line on Monday. The bear was spotted in a field and in a person's yard.

◆ AUB SAYS RATES TO FALL IN AUGUST

As temperatures heat up in the Tennessee Valley, August electricity prices are set to cool down a bit. AUB's Wayne Scarbrough says a reduced fuel cost from TVA for August will lower the residential power rate by about 2.4 percent. The August power rate for a kilowatt hour for an AUB residential customer will be 9.046 cents, down from July's rate of 9.272 cents.

◆ THP REPORTS INCREASED SEAT BELT USE

The Governor's Highway Safety Office and the Tennessee Highway Patrol have announced that seat belt usage in Tennessee has increased. A survey by the University of Tennessee Center for Transportation Research determined that seat belt usage in June was 87.7 percent statewide. That's an increase from the previous usage rate of 84.6 percent. Troopers have ticketed 58,842 drivers for seat belt law violations since the first of the year. THP Colonel Tracy Trott says Tennessee's percentage of unrestrained fatalities is at a five-year low. As of July 14th, 476 people had died on Tennessee roadways this year, down from 505 at the same time in 2013. To date, 49.7 percent of the state's fatalities have been unrestrained motorists.

Obituaries

• **Russell Lynn "Rusty" Pressley**, age 54, of Riceville, died Monday at Parkwest Medical Center. He was a former employee of Athens Furniture Company. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m.

• **Jo Ann Arnold Roberts**, 70, of Athens, died Monday at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga. She served 28 years in the McMinn County Property Assessors Office as Chief Deputy until her retirement. She later was co-owner and vice president of Roberts Brothers Motors. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation on Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m.

• **Dr. Douglas Heath Manley**, 42, of Athens, died last Saturday at his home. A funeral mass will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church in Cleveland. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Ralph Buckner Funeral Home and on Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. at the church.

• **Sarah Ruth Crain Bennett**, 80, of Englewood, died Tuesday at Brookewood Nursing Center in Decatur. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

• **Brownley Hammerlund Haug Peach**, 89, recently of Athens, died on July 11th at NHC Healthcare Center in Athens. She was a gifted musician in piano and voice and was the first American soprano after WWII to give a voice recital in Karlsruhe, Germany. A memorial service will be held at Saint Paul Episcopal Church in Athens on Friday at 11 a.m. A reception will follow at the church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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