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Thursday, May 28, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ IT'S TIME TO RACE DOWN THE HILL!

The 21st Annual Athens Soap Box Derby takes place this Saturday on Keith Lane. Driver introductions will begin at 8 a.m. and racing will continue throughout the day. There will be three divisions: the Stock Car Division with 14 cars, the Athens Federal Community Bank Super Stock Division with 15 cars, and the Super Kids Division with three drivers. The Athens race is a preliminary to the world championships, and the winners of the Athens race will advance to the All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio, on July 25. The Athens race is a double elimination, lane swap, wheel swap, and time differential race. Each heat will consist of two times down the hill with drivers racing first on their own wheels and second on their opponent's wheels after changing lanes. The difference from one car to the other is timed at the finish line, and the driver with the lowest differential after two runs wins the heat and moves to the next round. Both the Athens race and the Akron race will be broadcast on WYXI Radio, AM-1390. Athens Parks Director Austin Fesmire will be describing the races. Keith Lane will be closed starting at 4 a.m. Saturday until the race is over. The intersection of Crestway and Keith will be closed to through traffic.

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NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ A bug in Apple's iMessage app is wreaking havoc on some iPhones that cause them to reboot after receiving a specific string of characters via text. Apple is aware of the iMessage issue and will make a fix available in a software update.
- ◆ Rick Santorum, former Republican senator from Pennsylvania says he's "ready" to run for president in 2016. Santorum lost the GOP nomination to Governor Mitt Romney in 2012.
- ◆ Cuba and the United States are expected to formally announce the re-opening of embassies in Havana and D.C. next week.
- ◆ A devastating heatwave has left more than 1,100 people dead over the past month in India. Temperatures in the cities of Allahabad and Varanasi surpassed 110 degrees on Wednesday.


◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ You still have time to sign up to volunteer in the annual United Way Day of Caring to be held next Thursday, June 4th. If you're willing to help paint, clean up, read to children, sort clothing, do lawn work, wash vehicles, etc., call 745-9606.
- ✓ This year's Moo Run will take place on Saturday, June 6th, in Downtown Athens. There will be a 5K run and a 1 mile Fun Walk. Registration starts at 6:30 a.m. and the racing begins at 7:30 a.m. For information, call 745-8132. During the race, College Street will be closed from Green Street to Jackson Street.
- ✓ In Wednesday's Morning Fax, we had an item about Jacob Gilliam appearing at the Citizens National Bank's Financial Center on June 11 to raise money for the American Cancer Society. We omitted the time. It will be from 6 to 8 p.m.


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WEATHER
Thursday - Mostly cloudy. 40% rain & t'storms. High - 80.
Thurs night - Mostly cloudy. 30% rain. Low - Mid 60's.
Friday - Partly sunny. 50% rain & t'storms. Highs in the lower to mid 80's.
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Athens, Tennessee

Blackburn Headlines GOP Event

Congressman Marsha Blackburn (in photo) was the guest speaker at the McMinn County Lincoln Day Dinner held Tuesday night at TWC. Presidential politics and the failure of the Obama Administration to engage in any fiscal restraint were the themes of Blackburn's speech. Blackburn, who is a frequent guest on the Hannity hour on the Fox News TV Channel, lit into the "liberal" television news channels after citing a recent Gallup Poll that showed a majority of those surveyed said that "Nightly News" on television no longer reports the truth. She offered the crowd her pet names for the major networks: ABC is "All 'Bout Clinton"; NBC is "Nothing But Clinton"; CNN is "Clinton News Network"; & CBS is the "Clinton B.S." network. Blackburn said despite the national media's best effort to make Hillary Clinton the first female president, the GOP can win the White House next year if the Republican Party will present its conservative message to everyone in the country, not just a certain class of people, and be willing to campaign aggressively in all 50 states.



Fire Damages House in Etowah

The Etowah Fire Department was dispatched early Wednesday morning to a report of a structure fire with heavy smoke showing at 627 Georgia Avenue. Upon arrival, they found the living room fully involved and quickly put it out. Fire damage was confined to that one room. The home was owned by Caleb Newton.



AMR paramedics, the Etowah Police Department, and Etowah Utilities also responded. (Photo by Jay Thomson)

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks finished higher, rebounding from Tuesday's losses, following earnings news and optimism that Greece has made progress with creditors. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 121.45 at 18,162.99. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 19.28 at 2,123.48, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 73.84 at 5,106.59.

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