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Friday, July 3, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

State and Local News

◆ ETOWAH POSTPONES JULY 4TH!

Because of the forecast for more rain, the Etowah 4th of July Committee has decided to postpone tomorrow's Old Fashioned 4th of July Celebration until Saturday, September 5th. Meantime, the plan is to hold the Athens Fireworks Display tomorrow night, no matter what the weather.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

- ✓ Tomorrow is Independence Day. Government offices, including the McMinn County Courthouse and the Athens Municipal Building, are observing the holiday today, and will be closed today. They will reopen on Monday.
- ✓ There is one exception to the government closings. The Etowah City Hall WILL be open today. They will be closed on Monday for the 4th of July holiday.
- ✓ Most banks and the Post Office WILL be open today, but will be closed tomorrow, July 4th.
- ✓ The Sounds of Summer Concert this Saturday will be moved to the Athens Regional Park in conjunction with the Athens Fireworks Show. The concert will be at 7 p.m. and will feature the Tim Hughes Quartet and Sweet Georgia Sound. It is sponsored by Citizens National Bank and WYXI Radio.
- ✓ Downtown Summer Nights in Decatur tomorrow will feature Emmy McKenzie, The Clark Girls, Danny Pilkey, and Jeff & Sheri Easter. The event will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. You should bring along your lawn chairs.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ A top ISIS leader in charge of the terror group's foreign fighter operations and who was responsible for moving people and supplies into Syria and Iraq has been killed by a U.S. drone strike.
- ◆ Travelers on board a United Express flight from St. Louis, Missouri to Washington D.C., got a midair scare Thursday on one of the busiest travel days of the year when an unruly passenger's bomb threat forced the plane to make an emergency landing.
- ◆ According to a new study published in the *American Journal of Medical Genetics*, people with lighter eye colors appear to be more likely to develop alcoholism. Genetic samples from 1,263 people with alcohol dependency revealed that those with lighter eyes, especially blue eyes, appear to develop alcoholism at a higher rate.
- ◆ John Mackey, founder and co-CEO and Walter Robb, co-CEO of Whole Foods have apologized for overcharging customers and offering free food to people in return.
- ◆ The markets ended the day slightly lower on Thursday, as investors once again look toward a weekend referendum in Greece. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 17,730.11, down 27.80 from its open. The NASDAQ was down by 3.91 to finish the day at 5,009.21. The S&P 500 was also down by a fraction, 0.64, to finish the session at a close of 2,076.78.
- ◆ Former Virginia senator Jim Webb announced on Thursday he will officially seek the Democratic presidential nomination, acknowledging that he will face an uphill battle against Hillary Clinton.
- ◆ A ferry carrying 189 people capsized in the Philippines on Thursday killing at least 36 people. There were 173 passengers and 16 crew members aboard the Kim Nirvana. At least 127 people have been rescued and rescue operations continue.

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WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

Friday - 80% rain & t'storms. Highs in the upper 70's to lower 80's.

Friday night - Mostly cloudy. 60% rain. Lows in the upper 60's.

Saturday - Cloudy. 70% rain. Highs in the upper 70's.

Sunday - Mostly cloudy. 70% rain. Highs in the upper 70's to lower 80's..

Zoom Radar at: www.wyxi.com

Friday, July 3, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

Church News and Events

- The Stewart Family will present special music during the 11 a.m. service at the First Christian Church in Etowah this Sunday. The church is located at 7th and Ohio Avenue.

- Lane Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church in Niota will observe homecoming this Sunday. The guests at the 11 a.m. service will be the Rev. Perry Jackson and Mt. Cumberland Presbyterian Church from Sweetwater. Lunch will be served. The 3 p.m. guest will be Rev. Aderon Billingsley, Jr., and Braxton Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church from Kingston. Everyone is invited.

- Keith Memorial United Methodist Church will hold Vacation Bible School beginning this Sunday. Kick-off will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday on the church playground, with food and a water slide included. VBS will be July 6-10 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The VBS is for children ages 4 through 5th grade.

-Coghill Baptist Church will be having Camp Discovery VBS July 12th-17th from 6 to 8:30 p.m. nightly. Commencement will be Friday night, with food and fellowship. All are welcome. The church is located at 104 County Road 810.

- Watson Chapel will have Homecoming on July 12th at 11 a.m. Rev. Ellis McClary from Knoxville will be the guest. Lunch will be served.

Obituaries

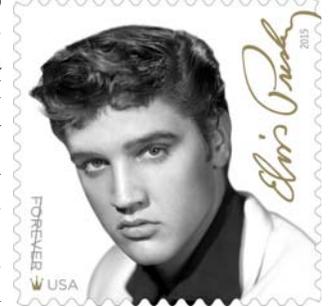
• **Simon "Peto" Rymer**, age 61, of Delano, died Wednesday at his residence. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Greasy Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. There will be no formal visitation at the funeral home. Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

• **Doyle Grady Hicks**, age 88 of Englewood, died Tuesday. He worked at Bowater for 20 years and the Athens YMCA. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean Conflict. A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 11th, at Smith Funeral Home of Athens, with visitation from 10 to 11 a.m.

POST OFFICE TO SELL ELVIS CD & STAMP

The U.S. Postal Service has unveiled the new Elvis "Forever" stamp that will go on sale on August 12th. The Post Office will also sell an exclusive music CD titled **ELVIS FOREVER** that includes 18 Presley hits including a never-before performance of "If I Can Dream." The CD will be sold for \$9.99.

During his lifetime, Presley starred in 33 films and had 18 number one records. The new "Forever" stamp features a 1955 black-and-white photograph of Presley taken by William Speer. In the bottom left corner is a small gold crown acknowledging Elvis as the "King" of Rock 'n' Roll.



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