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Friday, July 17, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

State and Local News

◆ WEEKEND TRAFFIC DELAYS ON I-24

A section of Interstate 24 will be closed to traffic for several hours this Saturday night, July 18. It's part of the project to replace a bridge over I-24 near mile marker 165 in Marion County. The contractor will be demolishing the old bridge from 10 p.m. Saturday until 6 a.m. Sunday. Workers will take the structure apart in pieces and drop them onto the interstate below. The interstate road surface will be protected with mats during the work. The interstate will be closed in both directions with a 10-mile detour for eastbound traffic and a 17-mile detour for westbound traffic.

◆ TORNADO CONFIRMED IN MADISONVILLE

The National Weather Service has confirmed that an EF-1 tornado touched down in the vicinity of Gamble Gap and Old State Roads in Madisonville Tuesday night. They also looked at damage in Sweetwater, but concluded the damage there was more consistent with straight-line winds. In Meigs County, a barn at the Jim Hagler Farm near the junction of Highways 68 and 58 was destroyed by fire Tuesday night when it was apparently hit by lightning. The fire destroyed a tractor, bush hogs, two harvesters, and about 3,000 bales of hay.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Four U.S. Marines were killed and a Chattanooga police officer and a sailor were wounded in a terrorist shooting incident Thursday in Chattanooga. The shooter died in the incident near the Naval-Marine Reserve Center on Amnicola Highway, and was identified as 24-year-old Muhammad Youssef Abdulazeez of Hixson. Witnesses say the shooter fired multiple shots from his car into the front doors and windows of the recruiting center on Lee Highway and then drove to the Navy Reserve Center 6 miles away and fired again, killing four Marines. With word of an active shooter situation, Chattanooga and surrounding counties went on high alert. Erlanger and Memorial hospitals, Chattanooga State and Lee Universities went on lockdown. The VA Clinic in Athens was locked down, and McMinn County Sheriff Joe Guy assigned extra officers to the Courthouse and the National Guard Armory. Abdulazeez was a native of Kuwait and was a naturalized U.S. citizen. He graduated from UTC in 2012 with a degree in Electrical Engineering and did an internship with TVA. The New York Times reported his father had been on a terrorist watch list.



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Church News and Events

- Ivan Parker will sing at Pope Avenue Baptist Church in Athens (301 Pope Street) this Sunday at 6 p.m. Parker is featured regularly on the Gaither Homecoming Friends television show and videos.
- Randy Kington, Vietnam veteran and author of "What a Life" will speak at Zion Hill Baptist Church in Englewood this Sunday at 11 a.m. He was a rifleman and platoon radio operator with the U.S. Marines. His platoon spearheaded an assault against the North Vietnamese army on March 21, 1966. His platoon lost 95 Marines in a matter of moments. Before the Marines finally won the battle, Kington was shot in the neck. The wound left him paralyzed from the neck down, but also resulted in his decision to follow Jesus.
- Beulah Chapel Church of the Nazarene on Highway 68, six miles west of I-75, will observe their homecoming celebration this Sunday. Rev. Richard Reed will be the guest speaker. Journey Home will be the guest singers. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall.
- Rockview Baptist Church is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The Appointed Quarter will be the special guests.
- St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church will host its 150th Church Anniversary August 14-16 with an All-Sing Night on the 14th at 7 p.m., a Gala on the 15th at 5 p.m., and Sunday worship service at 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on the 16th.

Obituaries

- **Vickie Lynn George Cates**, age 45, of Athens, died Thursday at her home. There will be no formal visitation or service. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- **Dixie Aderhold Crockett**, age 86, of Etowah, died Wednesday. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Green Hill Cemetery. There will be no formal visitation. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

- ✓ Saturday night's Sounds of Summer Concert at the Market Pavilion in Downtown Athens will feature the Scenic City Soul Revue. The concert is sponsored by the Athens City Council. Concert time is 7 p.m.
- ✓ Downtown Summer Nights will be hosted by the downtown stage across from the Meigs County Courthouse Saturday night and will feature Cathey Worley and Bo Cox. The concert starts at 7 p.m.
- ✓ The Englewood Lions Club will hold its annual Horse Show at 6 p.m. Saturday on Highway 411 north of Etowah. Admission is \$3.00 for adults. Children get in free.
- ✓ There will be an old fashioned shaped note and gospel singing Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the McMin Living Heritage Museum. Snacks will be furnished. The public is welcome.

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TODAY IN HISTORY - JULY 17

- 1674** - English clergyman Isaac Watts was born. He wrote 761 hymns, including "Joy To The World" and "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross."
- 1899** - Mystery writer Erle Stanley Gardner was born in Massachusetts. He created the lawyer-detective, Perry Mason.
- 1912** - Radio and television personality Art Linkletter ("Kids Say the Darndest Things") was born.
- 1952** - Singer Nicolette Larson was born. She died in 1997. Her biggest hit record was "Lotta Love" in 1978.
- 1955** - Disneyland opened in California. The amusement park was created by Walt Disney.
- 1955** - The small town of Arco, Idaho, became the first community in the world to receive all of its electric power from atomic energy.
- 1981** - Two suspended walkways collapsed and plunged to the ground floor of the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Kansas City, killing 111 and injuring 200.