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Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

State and Local News

◆ THAT'S ONE WAY TO GET ATTENTION

You may have seen the message that was painted on the side of the Derby Downs building at Madison and Jackson in Downtown Athens. The message was painted by Glen Whiting, the owner of the building, using a ladder last Friday. The message refers to a jury trial involving the FCS (Family Court Services) which resulted in the FCS being ordered to pay money to the Whiting family, reportedly in a dispute over a bill for a banquet. The message says "as of 7/17/15 still not paid." Athens Police Chief Chuck Ziegler says no laws were broken, since the message was painted by the building's owner.



NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ State Senator Mike Bell of Riceville has filed a resolution calling for federal action to end gun-free zones at military facilities. Bell drafted the resolution in the wake of the attack on two military sites in Chattanooga last Thursday. Sen. Bell says the U.S. cannot in good conscience send young men and women abroad to fight our enemy only to disarm them when they serve here at home.

More Local News

◆ UTILITY RATES TO DROP IN AUGUST

Athens Utilities Board says electric power rates will fall by one percent in August based on a lower fuel charge from TVA. AUB spokesman Wayne Scarbrough says the average AUB customer will pay about \$1.12 less for power.

◆ AUGUST 7-9 IS SALES TAX HOLIDAY

Tennessee's annual back-to-school sales tax holiday will be August 7th through the 9th this year. The event is held each year on the first weekend in August. During the weekend, people can buy clothing, school or art supplies, and computers without having to pay state or local sales taxes.

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Concert Organizer Honored

~Athens Mayor Ann Davis proclaimed last Saturday as "Tim Hughes Day" in Athens in honor of Hughes who is the organizer of the Sounds of Summer Concerts at Market Pavilion in Downtown Athens. The photo on the right, by Cheri Harrison, shows Mayor Davis presenting the proclamation at last Saturday night's concert.



~The Scenic City Soul Revue performed at the Sounds of Summer concert Saturday night. The photo on the left, by Denna Bea Raper, shows Tim Hughes and Will Boyd on stage performing with the group.



Obituaries

- **Elizabeth Ann Lunsford Slack Davis**, age 70, of Athens, died last Friday at a hospital in Ft. Oglethorpe, GA. She was a lifelong resident of McMinn County and was a former employee of Athens Furniture Company. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday.
- **Margie "Cousin Margie" Walton Ballard**, age 88, of Athens, died Monday at her home. Funeral services will be Thursday at 12 noon at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 10-12 at Ziegler.
- **Mary Hazel Duckett**, age 66, of Delano, died Sunday at her home. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bordwine Funeral Home.
- **John McDermott**, age 90, of Etowah died Sunday at his home. Arrangements will be announced by M.D. Dotson & Sons.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The McMinn UT Extension Office will offer "Living Well with Chronic Conditions" self-management programs each Wednesday from Aug. 3 - Sept. 9 from 1 to 3 p.m. at their office, 107 W. College St., in Athens. Classes are free. Call Sarah Kite at 745-2852.
- ✓ The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum & The Prissy Closet present "From Bustles to Spanx," a luncheon and fashion show, this Thursday from 12 noon to 1 p.m. The cost is a \$25 donation. All proceeds benefit the Museum. For information, call 745-0329.

TODAY IN HISTORY - JULY 21

1861 - The first major battle of the Civil War took place at Bull Run Creek in Manassas, Virginia.

1873 - The James-Younger gang, led by notorious outlaw Jesse James, robbed the Rock Island Express train at Adair, Iowa. They escaped with \$3,000. It was the first train robbery in the western U.S.

1899 - Novelist Ernest Hemingway was born. His bestselling books included "The Old Man and the Sea," "A Farewell to Arms," and "For Whom the Bell Tolls."

1925 - The Scopes "monkey trial" ended in Dayton, Tenn., with John T. Scopes convicted of violating state law for teaching Darwin's theory of evolution. (The conviction was later overturned.)

1969 - Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin blasted off from the moon aboard the lunar module.

1989 - Former president Ronald Reagan was inducted into the Cowboy Hall of Fame in recognition of his role as George Armstrong Custer in "The Santa Fe Trail" (1940) and as host of TV's "Death Valley Days" (1965-1966).

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