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Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ POLICE & FIRE REPORTS FOR AUGUST

The Athens City Council received the monthly reports on crime and fires from the police and fire chief at Tuesday night's council meeting.

Police Chief Chuck Ziegler reports that there were 70 thefts in Athens in August, 29 assaults, 17 burglaries, 8 motor vehicle thefts, two homicides, two sex offenses, and one robbery. Police wrote 402 citations for moving violations. There were 67 vehicle accidents with 15 injuries. The two homicides occurred at a house on Lime Street on August 1st.

Fire Chief Jim Dyer reported that firefighters responded to 51 calls in August. Two were residential fires, four were grass fires, one was a vehicle fire, one was a trash fire, and eight were to vehicle accidents. There were 10 false alarms. Damages from fires in August totaled \$1,200.

The City Council presented its monthly VIVID (Very Important Volunteer Individual) Award to Meredith Willson for her involvement in community events over the years. Her activities began with Arts In The Park and continued through MooFest, Old Fashioned Downtown Christmas, and Sounds of Summer. She has been chairperson of Pumpkintown for eight years. She has served as treasurer of the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum for a number of years. She has also helped many homeless people in the community with groceries, medical attention, transportation, and financial assistance.

NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS

◆ A school bus crash in Houston left two high school students dead, two others and their bus driver seriously injured. The bus went over a guardrail on the freeway and flipped on the road below.

◆ Facebook is going to finally give users a "dislike" button. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg stated they are working on it and hope to launch it soon.

◆ STATE NEWS HEADLINES

✓ Tennessee's revenue collections in August resulted in a surplus of \$28.5 million. August is the first month of the fiscal year. Sales tax revenue was up 8.3%.

✓ School officials say the Tennessee Promise scholarship program has resulted in a 6% increase in the number of full-time students enrolled in the state's 33 community colleges.

✓ The executive secretary to the dean of the Helen DeVos College of Education at Lee University has been killed in a car wreck in the Florida Panhandle. Karen Brown, 67, was on a vacation trip with friends when the car she was a passenger in failed to stop at a stop sign and was T-boned by another vehicle.

✓ **COMMUNITY NEWS:** The McMinn/Meigs Ag Roundtable will meet Thursday at 7 a.m. at Shoney's. The Meigs FFA will have the program. Breakfast is Dutch treat.



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Restaurant Inspection Scores

The following Etowah restaurants were inspected on August 20th and 21st. A score of 70 and above is passing.

Etta's Diner - 99

The Spot of Etowah - 99

Subway of Etowah - 98

◆ DR. KELLY THOMAS TO BE HONORED

Dr. Kelly Thomas, the McMinn County man who died in June from a severe allergic reaction to a wasp sting, will be honored in Knoxville on September 27th by the Southern Stars Symphonic Brass. Dr. Thomas played the euphonium with the group and was a tuba/euphonium professor at the University of Tennessee. The Kelly Thomas Memorial Concert will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 27th, at Cornerstone Church of Knoxville, 1250 Heritage Lane Boulevard. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted for the Thomas Family Fund, which benefits his widow, Jana, and their four children.



Obituaries

• **Rebecca Ann Peeler Akins**, age 65, of Etowah, died Monday at her residence. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at McMinn Memory Gardens. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

9/11 MEMORIAL FLAG PRESENTED TO COUNTY

This past Monday, Woodmen of the World presented a 9/11 Memorial Flag to McMinn County. It is on display at the McMinn County Justice Center. In the Photo: (L to R) Assistant to the County Mayor Mark Cochran, Sgt. Tracy Brown, Judge Larry Puckett, Circuit Court Clerk Rhonda Cooley, Sheriff Joe Guy, Woodmen of the World member Norman Shock, Judge Wiley Richardson, and EMA Director Tom Trotter.



TODAY IN HISTORY- September 16

1630 - The village of Shawmut, Massachusetts, changed its name. It's new name—Boston.

1638 - King Louis XIV of France was born.

1810 - Mexico began a successful revolt against Spanish rule.

1857 - The song "Jingle Bells" by James Pierpont was copyrighted under its original title, "One Horse Open Sleigh."

1875 - American businessman James Cash Penney was born in Missouri. He opened his first J. C. Penney store in 1904. Penney was a devout Christian and wrote a book titled "50 Years With the Golden Rule."

1893 - More than 100,000 people rushed to Oklahoma's Cherokee Strip as the area was opened to homesteading.

1908 - General Motors was formed in Flint, Mich., by William Durant.

1940 - Rep. Samuel T. Rayburn, D-Texas, the longest-serving House speaker in history, was first elected to the post.

1950 - David Bellamy of the Bellamy Brothers was born. Their hit records include "Kids of the Baby Boom," "You'll Never Be Sorry," and "Let Your Love Flow."

1966 - The Metropolitan Opera opened its new home at New York City's Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

1968 - *The Andy Griffith Show* was seen for the final time on CBS-TV. Sheriff Andy Taylor (Griffith), Opie (Ron Howard), Aunt Bee (Frances Bavier), Barney Fife (Don Knotts), Goober Pyle (George Lindsey), Floyd Lawson (Howard McNear), and the rest of the gang from Mayberry, NC, are still seen regularly on TV through syndication.

1974 - President Gerald R. Ford announced a conditional amnesty program for Vietnam War deserters and draft-evaders.

2004 - Hurricane Ivan plowed into the Gulf Coast with 130 mph winds and a major storm surge; Ivan was blamed for at least 115 deaths, 43 in the United States.