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Monday, June 20, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

Local and Area News

◆ HONORS FOR REP. FORGETY

State Representative John Forgety of Athens has been honored by The Tennessee Forum as the "Best Committee Chairman of 2016." The Tennessee Forum is an independent political issues organization. Each year, they announced their "Best & Worst Legislators." The organization commended Rep. Forgety for his no-nonsense attitude toward legislation and debate, and for his full transparency with constituents. Forgety is a Republican who represents House District 23, which includes McMinn County and part of Monroe County. He serves as Chairman of the House Education Instruction & Programs Committee.



◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

- ✓ The Etowah Emergency Management Agency will be testing the city's emergency sirens tomorrow, June 21st, at 1 p.m. EMA Director J.B. Haney says the test should last about five minutes.
- ✓ The McMinn County Commission's Airport Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting is to review sinkhole repair bids.
- ✓ The full McMinn County Commission will hold its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Blue Room of the Courthouse. The public is invited to attend.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren calls Donald Trump a "thin-skinned racist bully" who should not be allowed anywhere near the White House.
- ◆ Donald Trump says if some of the people inside the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando had been armed, the outcome of the terrorist shooting would have been very different.
- ◆ Disney World is installing signs warning of "alligators and snakes in the area" on the beaches of its resorts in the wake of a fatal gator attack.
- ◆ Dollywood's "Lightning Rod" roller coaster has been closed until further notice due to a recall on a mechanical part.
- ◆ Former Vanderbilt football player Brandon Vandenburg has been found guilty on all charges for his role in the rape of an unconscious woman he had been dating.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

- ✓ Dr. Omar Chavez of Medical Associates of Athens will be the guest on this week's "Chamber Chat" radio show on WYXI Radio following the 8 a.m. news on Tuesday, June 21st. The show's host is Kay Simmons, membership services director of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce.
- ✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library's Summer Reading Program on Monday will feature a presentation by the Oak Ridge Science Museum. The free program begins at 1 p.m.
- ✓ The Athens City Council's monthly meeting will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 21st, at the Municipal Building.



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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

• **Grace Margaret McCleary**, age 79, of Charleston, died last Thursday at her home. She was the mother of Karen King, one of the hosts of the Gospel Jubilee radio program heard Sunday mornings on WYXI Radio. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 25th, at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Cleveland, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m. at the church. Patton Funeral Home of Cleveland is in charge of arrangements.

• **Nellie Ray "Nel" Sargent Boyd**, age 86, of Niota, died June 12th at NHC Healthcare of Athens. She was a former secretary at Artronics, Inc. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Chattanooga National Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

• **Robert "Bob" L. Campbell, Sr.**, age 67, of McMinn County, died last Thursday at Erlanger Medical Center. He was a truck driver and a member of the McMinn County Rescue Squad. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict. Funeral services were held this past Saturday night. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home was in charge.

• **Juanita Lou Kilby**, age 80, of Niota, died last Thursday at Erlanger Medical Center. Arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

• **Eula Francis Arnwine Long**, age 98, of Niota, died Friday at Etowah Health Care. Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Monday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 4 to 6 p.m.

More Obituaries

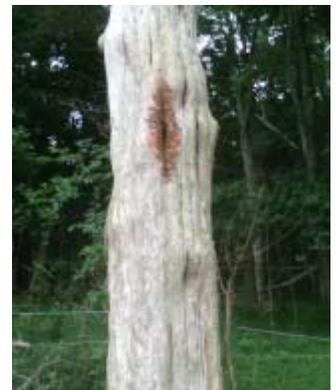
• **Phyllis A. Guffey**, age 76, of Athens, died Friday at Parkwest in Knoxville. She was employed as secretary at Athens Lawn and Garden. Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

• **Iva Lou (Crisp) Oliver**, age 72, of Decatur, died Saturday at Sweetwater Hospital. Funeral services will be at 12 noon Tuesday at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from 10 a.m. till noon.

• **Ralph Leon Call**, age 75, of Etowah, died Saturday at his home. He was a pulpwood hauler. Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Coghill Cemetery, with visitation at 2 p.m. at the cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

A MAJOR GOLF COURSE HAZARD

There's an unusual hazard on the golf course at Springbrook Golf and Country Club in Niota. A swarm of bees have taken up residence inside a tree next to the 14th Tee. In this photo submitted by Rob Mayfield, you can see the bees at the entrance to their hive in the center of the tree. Calling all bee keepers!



A MORNING SIP OF NECTAR

Jennifer Hardison sent us this photo of the first male Ruby-throated hummingbird she's seen this spring.



TODAY IN HISTORY - June 20

1863 - West Virginia became the 35th state. It was originally part of Virginia, which had seceded from the Union during the Civil War. The western counties in Virginia supported the North and declared their independence from Virginia. Eventually, they became West Virginia.

1867 - The U.S. purchased the territory of Alaska from Russia for \$7 million, or about 2¢ per acre.

1924 - Certified Guitar Picker Chet Atkins was born.

1939 - W2XBS (later WCBS-TV) in New York City televised the first TV operetta. *Pirates of Penzance*, composed by Gilbert and Sullivan, was presented to a very small viewing audience. Television was a new, experimental medium at the time.

1945 - Singer Anne Murray was born in Canada. Her first big hit was "Snowbird."

1977 - Oil began flowing through the 789-mile-long Alaska pipeline.