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Monday, June 27, 2016

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Local and Area News

◆ TIM TEBOW SCORES BIG IN ATHENS

Christian Evangelist and Heisman Trophy Winner, Tim Tebow, spoke Saturday night to a large crowd at McMinn County High School. Tebow told his life's story and how he began his football career. Tebow said that all of his accomplishments on the gridiron, though impressive, were nothing compared to his walk with Jesus Christ. He related stories of his recent visits and witnessing to death row inmates at the Florida State Prison. At the conclusion of his speech he invited anyone in the audience that didn't know Christ to accept Him. Tebow spoke at the 10th annual benefit dinner for the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce. (Photo by Dr. Jason Clark)



◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library summer children's program will have their "Wet & Slimy" Nature Program today at 1 p.m. You can learn about real live amphibians. On Tuesday, they will have a Library Literacy Scavenger Hunt at 1 p.m.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ The Supreme Court is expected to hand down opinions today in cases on abortion, government corruption and a ban on gun ownership by individuals convicted of domestic violence offenses.
- ◆ The number of remaining hospitalized victims from the June 12th Pulse Nightclub massacre in Orlando continues to gradually decline. Orlando Regional Medical Center said 8 victims, out of a total of 53, remain in the hospital; 3 in critical condition and 5 in stable condition.
- ◆ Three West Virginia counties devastated by flooding will receive federal disaster assistance. So far, 24 bodies have been recovered in Kanawha, Greenbrier and Nicholas counties. Several more people are reported missing.
- ◆ The devastating West Virginia flooding has forced the PGA Tour to cancel the Greenbrier Classic which was scheduled for July 7-10 in White Sulphur Springs. Officials said the course, the Old White TPC, "suffered extensive damage from the flooding and is beyond reasonable repair to conduct the tournament."

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Athens Chamber Ribbon Cutting

Hospice of Chattanooga has officially opened an office in the City of Athens. The new business is located at 403 West Madison Avenue and their phone number is 333-0220. In the photo: (L-R) Shane Whaley-Chamber, Garry Mac-HOC Spokesman, Matt Dannel-Chamber, Connie Woodcock-Diplomat, Teri Gombash-HOC, Gloria Westerfield-HOC, Rob Preston-Chamber CEO, Darlene Hardy-HOC, Dr. Johnnie Carter-Lead Physician, Mark Cochran-County Mayor's Office, Allison Thompson RN-HOC, Stephen Larson-HOC, Jennifer Baker-Primary Nurse, Meg Beene-Hospice Foundation, Lisa Harrison-Diplomat, Dick Pelley-Athens City Council, Joanne Arnett-Diplomat, Cheryl Ingram-McMinn Register of Deeds, Brianna Hanson-Diplomat. (Staff Photo)



Obituaries

- **Billy Dan Burnette**, age 74, of Chattanooga and formerly of Etowah, passed away last Thursday at his home. He had been the Chattanooga Metro softball commissioner and was a horse trainer. A Graveside Service was held Sunday at the Etowah City Cemetery with Bordwine Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.
- **Elsie Alene Langford Dake**, age 86, of Athens, passed away last Thursday at Morning Pointe Assisted Living of Athens. She was retired from the DuPont Company in Chattanooga. A Graveside Service will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in McMinn Memory Gardens. There will be no formal visitation. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- **Delores Jean Mullett Yoder**, age 77, of Englewood, passed away last Friday at her home. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Saltpetre Baptist Church in Saltpetre, West Virginia. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of the local arrangements.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

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- ✓ The next "Chamber Chat" program will feature Diana Beverly of Mayfield Academy, a new private school. You can hear "Chamber Chat" on WYXI AM-1390 Tuesday right after the 8a.m. news.

TODAY IN HISTORY - June 27

- 1844** - Mormon leader Joseph Smith & his brother were killed by a mob in Carthage, Illinois.
- 1847** - New York & Boston were linked by telegraph.
- 1880** - Helen Keller was born in Tuscumbia, Alabama. When she was 19 months old, she suffered an illness that left her blind, deaf, & mute. Anne Sullivan taught her to speak, read braille, and lip-read by placing her fingers on the lips and throat of the speaker. Keller later wrote several books and gave lectures around the world.
- 1927** - TV icon Bob Keeshan was born. He was known as Captain Kangaroo. He died in 2004.
- 1950** - The U.N. Security Council passed a resolution calling on member nations to help South Korea repel an invasion from the North.
- 1985** - Route 66, which originally stretched from Chicago to Santa Monica, California, passed into history as officials decertified the road.

SOS HELD SATURDAY NIGHT

Sonic Fusion, a band comprised of members of the U.S. Army Materiel Command from Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, was the headliner at last Saturday night's "Sounds of Summer" concert at the Athens Market Park Pavilion. Sonic Fusion was sponsored by members of the Athens City Council. Tim Hughes, the Sounds of Summer Concert coordinator, sent us this photo. Sonic Fusion plays a "fusion" of Pop, Jazz, and R&B music. The next concert will be on July 4th at the Athens Regional Park with the Tim Hughes Quartet and Sweet Georgia Sound sponsored by Citizens National Bank.

