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Friday, July 8, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ INGLESIDE COURTS CLOSED FOR REPAIRS

The Ingleside Tennis Courts are closed until July 25th for repairs. The Athens Parks Department says the court surfaces will be completely renovated and returned to championship play. In addition, alternate lines for pickleball and beginner tennis will be painted on the courts. The existing cracks on the court will be repaired and covered.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Sounds of Summer Concert Saturday night at the Market Park Pavilion in Downtown Athens will feature September Song. Stormy and Adrian will be the opening act. The concert is free and starts at 7 p.m.
- ✓ The featured artists at Decatur's Downtown Summer Nights concert Saturday at 6 p.m. will be Jim Ricketts, Renewed Trio, The Neymans, Testimony Quartet, and a variety of local talent. Bring your lawn chair.
- ✓ Today is the final day to register for the Etowah Carnegie Public Library's 7th Annual Tea Party to be held next Saturday, July 16th, at 1 p.m. in the Portico Room of the L&N Depot. The program is for children ages 5-12. Space is limited. Call the library at 263-9475 to register.
- ✓ The Athens Public Works Department advises that Slack Road will be closed again Friday from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. between Madison Avenue and Central Avenue. The purpose of the closing is for street repairs. Watch for detour signs.

NATIONAL - WORLD NEWS

- ◆ Authorities in San Diego, California, are currently trying to catch a killer accused of beating and setting homeless people on fire. Two people are dead after being set on fire while sleeping, two are in critical condition with one not expected to live.
- ◆ The slimy, smelly toxic algae which has overtaken some waterways in southern Florida is so widespread it can now be seen from space. NASA's Landsat 8 satellite snapped a photo showing a blue-green algae bloom in Lake Okeechobee.
- ◆ According to The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) latest statistics, an average of 20 veterans died from suicide every day in 2014. Over 55 million veteran records were examined from 1979 to 2014 from every state in the nation.
- ◆ Two pilots are dead after an experimental helicopter crashed during a test flight near Dallas on Wednesday. The Federal Aviation Administration is working with relevant authorities to determine the cause of the accident and will provide further details as they become available.

TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE VIEW FIREWORKS

The Athens Parks Department says the official park attendance inside the Athens Regional Park for the July 4th Fireworks Celebration this year was 5,901. The Department estimates that when the parking areas outside of the Regional Park are included, the number of people viewing the fireworks was over 10,000. The winner of the annual Shoney's Pie Eating Contest was Jonathan McKeehan, who won dinner for two at Shoney's.

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- Figure Drawing Labs - July 12 & 26
- Yoga - Winding Down - July 12, 19, 26

Church News & Events

~ Watson Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church will celebrate their Annual Homecoming this Sunday. The guest speaker for the morning service will be Rev. Robert T. Smith. Dinner will be served after the service. The pastor is Rev. Joseph T. Holmes.

~ Cowabunga Farms VBS will be held July 11th through 16th at Georgia Gilbert Hall, 235 Delay Street, Athens. The hours are 6 to 8 p.m. To register your child, call 920-7343.

~ Ivan Parker will be singing at Pope Avenue Baptist Church in Athens on Sunday, July 17th, at 6 p.m. Parker is a regular singer on the Gaither Homecoming shows.

~ St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Athens will have a Spaghetti Dinner Saturday, July 9th, from 5 to 7 p.m. You can dine in or get food to go. The price is \$10 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. All proceeds benefit community charities. The church is located at 123 South Jackson Street.

~ Calvary Baptist Church invites the community to their Sunday night Service at 6 p.m. on July 10th. They will host Jesse Kragiel, a blind pianist, who has taken part in the Burlington, NC, Revival which is now in its 9th week.

WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST
Friday - Mostly sunny. 30% rain & t'storms. Highs- lower to mid 90's.
Friday night - Mostly cloudy. 30% rain & t'storms. Lows- mid 70's.
Saturday - Partly sunny. 40% rain & t'storms. Highs lower 90's.
Sunday - Mostly cloudy. 40% rain & t'storms. Highs-mid to upper 80's.
 More weather at: www.wyxi.com

Obituaries

- **Joseph Felix "Pop" Anthony**, age 65, of Etowah, died Wednesday. He served in the U.S. Army and was employed at Bowater. He was a well-known vocalist, singing with the group "True Spirits." Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Mt. Olive A.M.E. Zion Church, with visitation from 1:30 to 2 p.m. M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home is in charge.
- **Will Thurman**, age 74, of Athens, died July 1st after a battle with cancer. He was retired from Yellow Freight after 30 years of service and was a veteran of the U.S. Army. A Memorial Celebration will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Central Baptist Church, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m. at the church.

- ◆ **MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**
- ✓ Leadership McMinn is now accepting applications for the next program. The program starts in September and meets one day a month through June. Leadership McMinn is a program sponsored by the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce designed to develop, train, motivate, and recognize future leadership among the citizens of McMinn County. Call the Chamber at 745-0334 for application information.
 - ✓ Sarah Kite with UT Extension-McMinn County will be testing pressure canner gauges next Tuesday, July 12th, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Athens Farmers Market in Downtown Athens. The testing takes just a minute and is free.

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