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Friday, July 22, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

### State & Local News

#### ◆ A PIECE OF THE CARIBBEAN IN McMINN CO.

When you think about banana trees, you probably think of Jamaica or some other Caribbean island. But there are a handful of banana trees growing right here in the Athens area. The photo below on the left comes from Mickey and Bunnye Waters' yard. The photo on the right shows a banana tree in Ruth Axley's yard. Both of the trees are producing bananas.



### NATIONAL - WORLD NEWS

◆ The U.S. State Department is warning Americans in Saudi Arabia of a "potential, imminent threat against U.S. citizens." The threat is specific to Americans traveling to Jeddah, and in particular, public venues in Jeddah.

◆ Fox News Chairman and CEO Roger Ailes has resigned from the company effective immediately. Rupert Murdoch will take over as chairman and acting CEO of Fox News Channel and Fox Business Network.

◆ After getting booed during his address to the Republican National Convention Wednesday night, Ted Cruz defended his decision Thursday morning not to endorse Donald Trump after the real estate mogul's attacks on his wife and father during the primary campaign.

#### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ It's Bluegrass Night at the Sounds of Summer concert Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Market Park Pavilion. The headliner is *Just Us* Bluegrass band. The opening act is hammered dulcimer player Stephen Humphries. Starr Regional Medical Center is the sponsor.

✓ The Athens Arts Theatre Camp presents "A Day in the Life," an original musical written by Bob Borwick with music by Pam Thigpen, tonight at 7:30 in the Sue E. Trotter Black Box Theatre. The musical is based on the daily lives of the campers. The performance is free.

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Friday, July 22, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

### Church News & Events

~ The Athens Church of the Nazarene at 1908 West Madison Avenue will have VBS tomorrow, July 23rd, from 9:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. for ages kindergarten through 6th grade. God's Word will be taught and there will be crafts, music, games, a bounce house and lunch. Call 260-251-1192 to register.

~ Doug Richesin, Michael Rodgers and Beth Burkey will present a free concert at 7 p.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church's Family Life Center in Sweetwater.

~ Parkway Baptist Church will have revival services Sunday through Wednesday with Evangelist Terry Kendrick. Sunday services are at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. and the Monday through Wednesday services are at 7 p.m.

~ Conasauga Baptist Church at 649 County Road 475 will have revival services July 24th through 28th.

~ It will be Free Movie Night at Christ Community Church on South Congress Parkway in Athens on Friday, July 29th, at 6:30 p.m. The movie is "Risen." Refreshments will be served, and everyone is welcome.

~ Everlasting Life Christian Center in Etowah will have a Back to School Bash on Saturday, July 30th from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. There will be food, fun, and free backpacks with school supplies. There will also be free haircuts by professional stylists for children.

### Obituaries

• **Rev. Phillip Michael Beasley**, age 67, of Athens, died Thursday at his home. He was a pastor for 38 years and a veteran of the U.S. Marines. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Freedom Baptist Church, with visitation from 3 to 7 p.m. at the church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

• **Ronnie L. Miller**, age 73, of Athens, died Wednesday at Kindred Hospital in Chattanooga. He worked at Beaunit Fibers, Athens Police Department, and retired as an EMS/Security Officer from Bowater Southern Paper. A Celebration of Ron's Life will be announced at a later date. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

• **Lawrencena Thomas**, age 58, of Etowah, died last Sunday at Erlanger Medical Center. Funeral services will be held Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. at The Church of God of Prophecy in Madisonville. Companion Funeral and Cremation Service is in charge of arrangements.

**THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 77.80 at 18,517.23. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 7.85 at 2,165.17, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 16.03 at 5,073.90.

#### WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

**Friday** - Mostly sunny. 20% rain & t'storms. Highs in the mid to upper 90's.

**Friday night** - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70's.

**Saturday** - Partly sunny. 40% rain & t'storms. Highs in the lower to mid 90's.

**Sunday** - Partly sunny. 50% rain & t'storms. Highs in the lower to mid 90's.

More weather at: [www.wysi.com](http://www.wysi.com)



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