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Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ PLAY POKÉMON GO AT THE WETLANDS

Pokémon Go players are invited to Join E.G. Fisher Public Library for a walk through the Wetlands to catch Pokémon! The Wetlands are full of those little creatures. The game that is taking Athens by storm is taking over the library this Friday at 10:30 a.m. Pokémon players of all ages are welcome to share game tips, search for Pokémon, and battle for the Wetlands Gym. There will be lures to attract Pokémon at all five Pokéstops in the Wetlands as well as phone charging stations at the pergola and in the Community Room of the library. Refreshments will be available for players in the Community Room and in the Wetlands. The program is free.

◆ EARLY VOTING ENDS SATURDAY

Early voting for the August 4th primaries ends this Saturday, July 30th, at 12 noon. You can vote early in McMinn County at the Election Commission Office in the Courthouse Annex.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Parks and Recreation Department is now taking registrations for Fall League Baseball. The fee is \$50 per player and includes a t-shirt, hat, and secondary medical insurance. All home games will be played at Athens Regional Park. Away games will be played in surrounding counties. Fall League Baseball is for youngsters from ages 5 to 12. Players will be divided into age groups. You can sign up at the Athens Parks office at the Municipal Building. For more information, call the Parks Department office at 744-2704.

◆ Firefighters are still working to control a fast-moving wildfire that has scorched 37,473 acres near Los Angeles since last Friday. More than 3,000 firefighters have been deployed to halt the wildfire's path and about 25 percent of the fire has been contained.

◆ Protests against the Democratic National Committee and Hillary Clinton continued through scorching temperatures Tuesday on the streets of Philadelphia, as an atmosphere of division cast a shadow over the Democratic National Convention's opening night.

◆ Two teenagers were identified as the two victims killed in a shooting outside a Florida club early Monday morning. The shooting occurred, after an event at the club geared toward teenagers. At least 14 to 16 others were hurt. Police have not determined a motive but said it was not an act of terror.

◆ A man named Hemingway, won the "Hemingway Look-Alike Contest in Key West, Florida. His name is Dave Hemingway, of Macon, North Carolina, and claims he is not related to the famous author.

◆ MEIGS COUNTY MAN KILLED IN WRECK

A head-on crash Monday afternoon between a cargo truck and a pickup truck claimed the life of Ricky Roberts, age 55, of Ten Mile. According to Trooper Curtis Walker's report, Roberts was driving westbound on Hwy 68 and for some unknown reason he swerved into the eastbound lane hitting a cargo truck head-on. The cargo truck, driven by Jimmy L. Perkins, 57, of Niota, tried to stop prior to impact but skidded off the road and went down an embankment. Perkins was injured in the wreck. See obituary information for Roberts on page 2.

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A Pledge to TWU

The family of the late Gigi Walthall, a longtime Athens resident, has pledged a \$100,000 gift in her name to Tennessee Wesleyan University's Proud Heritage, Strong Future Campaign. Mrs. Walthall was actively involved in the Tennessee Wesleyan community and often attended campus events. Less than three months before her death, she said she wanted to make a pledge because she had seen the influence the school has on students' lives and on the economic development of Athens and McMinn County. The photo shows the late Gigi Walthall with Tennessee Wesleyan President Dr. Harley Knowles.



Obituaries

- **William Charles McNabb**, age 73, of Athens, died Saturday in Life Care of Athens. He worked for Penny Shell Radiator Service for over 30 years. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Ricky Darel Roberts**, age 55, of Decatur, died Monday due to an auto accident. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Roberts Cemetery in Ten Mile. Bowers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- **Eula Laverne "Kate" Miller**, age 77, formerly of Etowah died Monday. She retired after 30 years from McKeehan Chair Company as a supervisor. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Elizabeth Florence Holden Woods**, age 83, of Canton, Georgia and formerly of Athens and Maryville, died Monday at Wellstar-Paulding Nursing Center in Dallas, Ga. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

PLANS SET FOR UNITY SUNDAY

The second annual Day of Unity will be held on Sunday, September 11th, at Market Park in Downtown Athens. Since it will be on Sunday, the name this year has been changed to Unity Sunday. Athens City Councilman Dick Pelley is the organizer. He says he hopes the event will bring together people of diverse views. He hopes to have speakers representing each ethnic group living in Athens. He says Unity Sunday will also feature music and entertainment, food, inflatables for the children. Anyone interested in taking part in the event or assisting in planning should call Mr. Pelley at 829-5052.

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