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Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ AUGUST FOURTH ELECTION RESULTS

The Voters have spoken and here's the results.
 ~Englewood: James Cox will be the mayor; Jason Hitt and Buford Hackler won the 2 open seats on the City Commission.
 ~Etowah: out of 8 candidates for City Commission, Gene Keller and Jim Swayne were the winners; Jessica Goodin and Marcheta McDonald won seats on the Etowah City School Board.
 ~McMinn County: Incumbent Property Assessor Keith Price won his first full four-year term defeating write-in candidate Mike Burris; School Board 2nd District, Johnna Hampton won; School Board 4th District, Tony Allman defeated Bill Irvin 332 to 314, which was the only contested school board race.
 ~State House 23rd District, Republican Rep. John Forgety was unopposed and received 2154 complimentary votes. No Democrat filed to run in the primary.
 ~Congress 3rd District, Current Congressman Chuck Fleischmann received 67% of the vote in McMinn County and 84% of the vote across the district. He will face Democrat Melody Shekari in November.
 ~In Meigs County, Incumbent Property Assessor Billy Breeden won with 59% of the vote; Incumbent Andy Andrews won re-election to the School Board, District 1 and Incumbent Tessa Perkinson won re-election to School Board, District 4.
 ~Embattled Williamson County State Rep. Jeremy Durham, who suspended his re-election campaign after the release of a report by the state attorney general of his alleged sexual harrasment of 22 women, lost his bid to retired U.S. Army Colonel Sam Whitson.

NATIONAL - WORLD NEWS

- ◆ The alleged gunman authorities say is responsible for killing nine people in a Charleston, South Carolina church last year, was assaulted in jail by another inmate.
- ◆ The Phoenix Police Department has linked a ninth incident to a deadly serial shooter they say is responsible for killing at least seven people from March to June in the Arizona city. The latest incident came on July 11, when the suspect shot at a vehicle in a residential area.
- ◆ Police presence on the streets of London increased after an American woman was killed and five other people were injured in a knife attack in London's Russell Square. The woman has been identified as Darlene Horton, the wife of a Florida State University professor.

ATHENS MAN FACES BURGLARY CHARGES

An Athens man, 25-year-old Christopher Hammonds, has been charged with burglary and theft after his victim saw him driving her lawnmower down the road. McMinn County Sheriff Joe Guy says a woman who lives on County Road 267 called deputies after she discovered a man on her mower. She confronted him and saw he was also carrying her weedeater and gas can. She pulled him off the mower and demanded he tell her his name. He gave a false name, then walked away. The homeowner also discovered her tractor wrecked in a ditch down the road. A few minutes later, a blue car drove by with the suspect in the passenger's seat. Sheriff Guy posted descriptions on social media. Detectives followed up on information that led them to the suspect. He was arrested at a residence on Spruce Street in Athens.

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Church News & Events

~ Local churches in Etowah are joining forces to hold a Backpack Bash at the Etowah Depot from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Saturday. Get there early to register for a free backpack full of school supplies. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, snow cones, and cotton candy. You can register your children for Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts. There will be mini-train rides for the kids. Etowah police will be doing car seat checks.

~ The Athens Ministerial Association is sponsoring the 2nd "One Church" Celebration Picnic this Sunday at 6 p.m. at Athens Regional Park. You are invited to come with food and drink for your family and some to share. For more information, call Norm at 435-5867.

~ Everlasting Life Baptist Church in Englewood will have a one-day Bible School/cookout Saturday at 10 a.m. For more information, call Josh Kyker at 435-7766.

~ Pope Avenue Baptist Church in Athens will have a singing with *Appointed* Quartet this Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

~ Kinslee Melhorn will sing this Sunday at 6 p.m. at Pond Hill Baptist Church.

~ Voice of Deliverance Ministry Church of God in Christ invites the public to a brunch banquet celebrating their pastor, Larry Saunders. The banquet will be held on Saturday, Aug. 27th, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the banquet room of the Comfort Inn, 2811 Decatur Pike. Tickets are \$20.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ The Tennessee Highway Patrol will be conducting a Safety Belt Checkpoint on I-75 South at the Exit 52 ramp next Tuesday, August 9th.

✓ The Athens City Council will hold a work session on Monday, August 8th, at 2:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building Training room to discuss the hiring of a new city manager.

✓ The Gem Players will be presenting "Inherit the Wind" on August 26th through September 11th at the Gem Theater in Etowah.

✓ The Niota Volunteer Fire Department will hold a fund-raiser on the Niota Town Square on August 20th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be music, games, contests, an auction, and vendors. Proceeds will be used for the Underprivileged Kids Christmas.

✓ The McMinn County High School Marching Band is accepting donations for their annual yard sale on September 17th. For drop-off information, call Abbie Headrick at 865-661-2404.

WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

Friday - Partly cloudy. 60% rain & t'storms. Highs 88.

Friday night - Partly cloudy. 20% rain & t'storms. Low 69.

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