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## Local and Area News

### ◆ COUNCIL GETS POLICE/FIRE REPORTS

The Athens City Council held its monthly meeting Tuesday evening. They presented the VIVID (Very Important Volunteer Individual) Award to the Athens Lions Club for its work in bringing the RAM Clinic to Athens. The council also authorized a contract to hire a design and engineering firm for the Splash Pad to be constructed in the Regional Park.

The council also received the monthly reports on July activity from the police and fire departments.

Interim Police Chief Rob Davis reported there were 59 thefts in July, 13 burglaries, 10 assaults, six motor vehicle thefts, two robberies, and two sex offenses. Police issued citations for 275 moving violations. There were 63 traffic accidents in Athens in July, with 12 injuries. There are currently six vacancies on the Police Department.

Fire Chief Jim Dyer reported that firefighters responded to 57 calls in July. Estimated losses were \$1,143,100. Most of those losses were a result of the July 1st fire in Downtown Athens.

### ◆ COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE CLOSED TODAY

The McMinn County Clerk's office closed at 4 p.m. Wednesday for the move to the new Courthouse Annex. However, there are not enough data ports at the new office. County Clerk Evonne Hayes says she plans to open in the new location as soon as possible, but it may be as late as next Tuesday morning. She says she has to close the old office so Food City can do demolition work.

## National - World News

◆ A new analysis of satellite photos taken two weeks after Malaysian Airlines Flight MH-370 mysteriously vanished may help scientists narrow the search area. The "drift analysis" by Australian scientists tracks 12 floating objects that could be from the plane. The analysis may help scientists narrow the search area to three regions in the southern Indian Ocean. The Boeing 777 with 239 passengers and crew aboard disappeared in March of 2014.

◆ President Trump says North Korea's Kim Jong Un made a "very wise" decision in backing down on his threats of a missile attack on Guam. Trump tweeted that the alternative would have been both catastrophic and unacceptable. He commented a day after North Korean media reported the dictator had delayed a decision about whether to fire missiles toward Guam.

◆ Dolly Parton will release her first album of original children's music next month, with all the proceeds going to her Imagination Library, that gives free books to kids. The CD is titled "I Believe In You," and contains 14 songs including "Coat of Many Colors."



**News Channel 9's Bill Race**  
and **The Forecast For ECLIPSE DAY:**  
With 4 days to go, the forecast is now calling for a partly cloudy day, with a 40 to 50% chance of cloud cover. The high will be around 90.




Episcopal  
Church  
Women's

**2nd Annual Chicken Dinner**

**August 17, 11:30-6:30**

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### New Boutique to Open

A new boutique, "New Attitude," will be having the grand opening this Saturday, Aug. 19th, beginning at 9 a.m. with a ribbon cutting. The public is invited to attend and help support the new store which will benefit the Women at the Well women's ministry. The store is located at 104 North White Street in Downtown Athens, next to Skylar Dean's Edward Jones office. In the photo is volunteer Sabrina Stamper from Lenoir City who is putting some final touches of paint on the new storefront. (Staff Photo)



### COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ St. Paul's Episcopal Church will have its 2nd Annual Chicken Dinner today. Take out only. For \$10, you can get a half-chicken, potato salad, baked beans, roll and dessert. The hours are 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door. The church is located at 123 South Jackson Street in Athens.

### Obituaries

♦ **Opal "Dolly" Mae Kelley**, age 89, of Athens, died on August 11th at her home. She retired as a cook at Calhoun Elementary School. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Calhoun Cemetery. The family will hold a memorial service at Calhoun First Baptist Church on Saturday, September 23rd, at 11 a.m. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### OLD MILLENNIAL PERFORMS AT SOS

The photo below shows the group, Old Millennial, performing at last Saturday's Sounds of Summer concert.

(Photo by Denna Bea Raper)



## SOUNDS OF SUMMER CONCERT



State Representative John Forgyety invites you to the Sounds of Summer Concert Saturday, August 19th at 7 PM at the Market Park in Downtown Athens. Headliner is "Calling Glory"

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