

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

State & Local News

THE BEATERS HEADLINE JULY 4TH EVENT The American Legion Post 68 will present the annual 4th of July celebration at Market Park Pavilion in Downtown Athens. The Beaters from Chattanooga (pictured below) will be the headliner in the entertainment category. Kinsley Melhorn, Garage Band, John Higdon, Savannah Self, and Grinderstrip Band will also perform. There will be free food and free bouncy houses. The hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.



National & World News

• The Supreme Court upheld President Trump's travel ban with a 5-4 vote on Tuesday. The court wrote in its opinion that the order is "squarely within the scope of Presidential authority." President Trump is calling the decision a "great victory" for American security and the American people, while the decision has sparked outrage from Democrats who argue the travel ban is both unconstitutional and discriminatory.

In another case, The Supreme Court ruled California cannot require clinics that serve pregnant women to provide information about the availability of abortion services elsewhere in the state. This is in favor of pro life women's clinics that claimed the state law violated their First Amendment rights.

• A mass reunion of families separated by the North and South Korean border is now underway. Restoring severed military communications lines, and joint transportation projects between the two countries are part of the cooperative moves planned for the next few months.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

The guest on "Hope from the Well," the weekly radio program from Women at the Well this Thursday will be Julie Triplett, a graduate and intern. Hope from the Well is heard at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio FM 94.5, AM 1390 and ONLINE.

✓ TDOT personnel and contract crews continue to work to repair a section of State Highway 68 between Spring City and Grandview that was closed due to a slide. One lane is now open to light traffic. The estimated completion date for the repairs is now July 31st.





Obituaries

TWU Names New Trustees

• Omega Emmaline Saffles Nation, age 95, of Englewood, died Tuesday at UT Medical Center. She was associated with Niota Textile for 40 years until her retirement. A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at McMinn Memory Gardens with visitation from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home of Athens.

• Anna Ruth Brown, age 85, of Athens, died Saturday at Life Care Center. She was a co-owner of Brownie's Restaurant until • her retirement in the early 1980's. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. this coming Saturday at Trinity United Methodist Church, with visitation at 1 p.m. at the church. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

• Joseph Leon Norris, age 85, of Athens, died Monday at Life Care Center of Athens. He was a self-employed builder and brick mason, and a veteran of the Army. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 2 to 4 p.m.

THOMPSON QUITS ETOWAH COMMISSION RACE

Haroldean Thompson has announced she is withdrawing from the race for Etowah City Commission. Thompson cites health issues and controversy over Facebook posts she made last week concerning the murder of 18-year-old Kelsey Burnett. It's too late for her name to be removed from the ballot, but Thompson says if she is elected, she will not serve.

Seven area community and business leaders were recently elected to serve as members of the Tennessee Wesleyan Board of Trustees. The new members are:

- Patricia Ging, associate dean, TWU education & behavioral science
- Robert Goodfriend, former president of Good's Family Clothing
- Trent Mansfield, TWU senior
- Marilyn Miller, co-owner, Miller & McPhail CPAs
- Rev. Stella Roberts, former official of the Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church
- Kenneth Webb, former president, Cleveland Utilities

Mintie Willson, philanthropist and community advocate

The TWU Board of Trustees provides oversight and ensures that TWU continues to effectively perform in accomplishing its mission.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

The Etowah Carnegie Library will present a Family-friendly Movie at the Etowah Community Center at 2 p.m. today. Popcorn is free. Pizza, drinks, and candy will be sold. Call the library at 263-9475 for movie information.

✓ The Athens Arts Council is seeking submissions from area amateur and professional photographers for a juried exhibit at The Arts Center from July 16-Aug. 31. Call 745-8781 for information.

