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Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

National & World News

◆ HIGHWAY 68 CLOSED FOR NEXT 2 DAYS

The Tennessee Department of Transportation says Highway 68 will be closed today and tomorrow between Spring City and Grandview. The closing had been scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, but was postponed because of the weather. The closing is necessary so crews can repair damage caused by a mud slide last April. TDOT says closing the highway completely will allow workmen to backfill the area with new material, pave, put down pavement markings, and install guardrail.

◆ VICE PRESIDENT TO VISIT CLEVELAND

Vice President Mike Pence is coming to Cleveland this weekend. The vice president is scheduled to speak at a "Tax Cuts to Put America First" event at Lee University at 11 a.m. Saturday. The event is open to the public on a first come, first served basis.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Community Theatre announces auditions for *Mary Poppins* this Sunday at 2 p.m. and Monday, July 23rd, at 5:30 p.m. at The Arts Center. The cast requires about 25 singers and actors, ages 7-17, with leading roles for actors who can sing and tap dance. For more information, call 745-8781.

✓ The guest on "Hope from the Well," the weekly radio program from Women at the Well this Thursday will be Jessica Mizella, graduate and staff member. Hope from the Well is heard at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio FM 94.5, AM 1390 and [ONLINE](#).

◆ Firefighters are struggling to contain a deadly wildfire that more than doubled in size on Monday. Nearly 9,300 acres of land near Yosemite National Park in California's Sierra Nevada Mountains were charred. The so-called Ferguson Fire, increased to 9,266 acres by Monday evening.

◆ A 9-year-old girl died after she was hit in the middle of the night by stray gunfire while inside her New Jersey home. Several shots were fired in Bridgeton at about 12:30 a.m. Tuesday. The bullet entered through a back wall and hit the young girl in her bedroom.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Are you preparing to take the ACT next month? Stop by E.G. Fisher Public Library for free study resources and practice tests, as well as testing tips from an experienced ACT tutor on Monday, July 30th at 6 p.m.

✓ The Athens Travelers Car Club will have its monthly Cruise In this Saturday at 4 p.m. in the parking lot of Michael's Casual Dining on North Congress Parkway.



Today: Etowah ~ 10:30-2:00
Friday: Sweetwater 10:30-2:00

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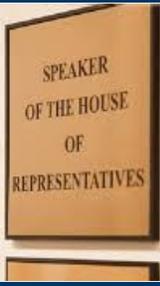
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LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

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OBITUARIES

- ♦ **Minnie Lou Fain Best**, age 78, of Tampa, Florida, died Friday. She was born in Athens, but lived most of her life in Tampa. Graveside services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Fain Cemetery, with visitation at Bordwine Funeral Home from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ **Theron Edward "Moe" Smith**, age 78, of Decatur, died last Thursday at his home. He was a small engine repairman. Graveside services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Mountain View Memorial Gardens. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.
- ♦ **Bessie Marie Kirkland Nichols Arms**, age 93, of Delano, died Monday at a Cleveland healthcare facility. She retired from Athens Products. Funeral services will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m.
- ♦ **Willie Conner**, age 96, of Millbrook, Alabama, died Tuesday. Arrangements will be announced by Bowers Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Emma Sue Sadler**, age 74, of McMinn County, died Monday at her home. A Celebration of her life will be Thursday at 3 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens with visitation from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Ready To Go Down the Hill

The 2018 All American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio, is underway this week, with the championship races set for Saturday. Three youngsters from Athens are participating. Zeke Hembree is racing in the Stock Division, Nathan Turner will race in the Super Stock Division, and Madison Woods will be representing Athens in the Super Kids race. The photo below shows Zeke Hembree and his parents, Beverly and Jeff, at the top of the hill. In the background is the view the racers will see as they prepare to roll down the hill. (Photo by Brianna Hanson)



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Trey Winder
State Representative



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I'm honored to receive this endorsement. All life is an intentional creation of a loving God. I have always been an advocate for the Pro-Life movement and currently serve as a board member for Full Circle Medical Center for Women.

I humbly ask for your vote to serve as the next State Representative of District 23.



Paid for by Trey Winder for State Representative,
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