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Wednesday, August 22, 2018

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

National & World News

◆ ETOWAH TO GET PARKS GRANT

Governor Haslam has announced a \$375,000 grant to construct a new 30' x 60' swimming pool and pool house at Etowah City Park. The grant will require a \$375,000 local match.

◆ DRUG DEATHS RISE IN TENNESSEE

The number of Tennessee residents who died of drug overdoses rose eight percent in 2017, setting another record. A total of 1,776 Tennesseans died from overdoses last year. Three-fourths of the deaths were associated with opioids. More than half of those involved prescription pain killers. There was a 70% increase in deaths associated with fentanyl, which is similar to heroin but more potent and dangerous.

◆ FUEL PUMP CAUSED HELICOPTER CRASH

The National Transportation Safety Board's final report on a deadly crash of a sightseeing helicopter in Pigeon Forge in 2016 concluded the helicopter's fuel pump led to the crash. The report says the fuel pump failed because of a lack of adequate grease, possibly because an incorrectly-sized spacer had been installed and may have led to a gap that allowed the grease to drain out. Five people were killed in the crash.

◆ A first-degree murder charge was filed on Tuesday against 24-year-old Cristhian Rivera, an undocumented immigrant, in the case of missing Iowa jogger Mollie Tibbetts. Rivera lives in the rural area where the college student vanished one month ago. Tibbetts body was recovered Tuesday morning in a farm field.

◆ Al-Qaeda's chief bomb maker is believed to have been killed in a U.S. drone strike in Yemen. Ibrahim al-Asiri, a 36-year-old Saudi national, was considered one of the top terrorist bomb makers in the world by U.S. and western counterterrorism experts.

◆ 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 Hannah Stewart, a graduate of Women at the Well. Hope from the Well is heard at 8:15 a.m. each Thursday on WYXI Radio FM 94.5, AM 1390 and [ONLINE](#).

✓ The two right hand southbound lanes on White Street from Washington to Madison Avenues will be closed this Thursday due to roof repairs on a building.

✓ The McMinn Senior Activity Center is looking for vendors to sell locally made gifts and decorations for the 20th annual Christmas Bazaar and Craft Show. The show will take place on November 17th. Information for vendors is available by calling 745-6830.

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OBITUARIES

- ♦ **JoAnn Jackson**, age 78, of Athens, died Monday at Life Care Center of Athens. She was a former employee of the Salvation Army, where she handled all of the accounts receivable for the organization. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 2 to 3 p.m.
- ♦ **Vickie Marie Crisp**, age 66, of Decatur, died Tuesday. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks rose, driven by gains in the consumer cyclical sector. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 64 points or 0.2% to 25,822. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 6 points or 0.2% to 2,863, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 38 points or 0.5% to 7,859.

TODAY IN HISTORY - AUGUST 22nd

- 1741** - German composer George Frederick Handel began working on his oratorio, "Messiah." The oratorio focuses on major events in the life of Jesus Christ, including His birth, death, and resurrection.
- 1846** - The United States annexed New Mexico.
- 1902** - President Theodore Roosevelt became the first U.S. chief executive to ride in an automobile, in Hartford, Conn.
- 1957** - Country singer Holly Dunn was born. One of her top hit records was "Daddy's Hands."
- 1960** - Country singer Collin Raye was born. His biggest hits were "Love, Me," and "In This Life."

1955 Tragedy Remembered

On August 22, 1955, a Spring City school bus was struck by a train. Forty-seven children were on the bus. Eleven of them were killed. The railroad crossing had lights and bells, but no crossing guards. The bus had just left Spring City Elementary School which was three blocks east of the railroad tracks. **Morning Fax** editor Bob Ketchersid was a student at Spring City High School. His mother taught 3rd grade. They arrived at the crash scene just minutes after the accident. Bob says the memories remain vivid in his mind even to this day. He knew several of the children who were on the bus. A few days later, Governor Frank Clement led a memorial service at the Spring City railroad depot. Bob was a member of the band which participated in the memorial service.

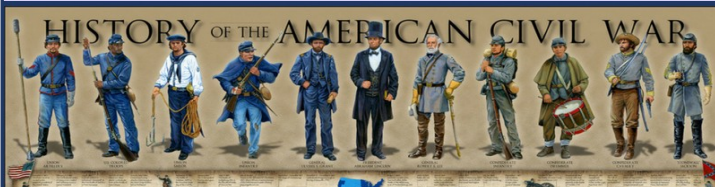


DAY TRIP: COMPANION TRAVELERS

Tuesday - August 28 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Join Companion Travelers as we take a walk through US History. Visit a local Civil War Tunnel and explore the 1,477 foot tunnel completed in 1850. Visit the 1848 Clisby Austin House that served as Sherman's Headquarters. Stand where General Sherman stood as he devised his Atlanta campaign and visit the museum where you will see Civil War artifacts and Rail & Locomotive Artifacts. Tour the Chickamauga National Battlefield + more. Transportation - Driver Tip - admission to all venues - Lunch at Oakwood Café and Tour Host included. \$70

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