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Athens, Tennessee

Local & Area News

◆ FIREFIGHTERS FIGHT STUBBORN BLAZE

Athens firefighters battled a stubborn house fire on Slack Road, which kept flaring up. Firemen were originally called to the house at 104 Slack Road Thursday around 5 p.m. The house was approximately 30 percent destroyed by fire and sustained major smoke and water damage in the rest. The fire rekindled early Friday morning, and firefighters returned to the scene. Then, smoke started coming from the house again around 9:45 a.m. Friday, and firemen once again went to the scene and managed to extinguish fire. Morning Fax Staff Photo



Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The LITE House and Tennessee Valley Federal Credit Union will co-host an informational session on Tuesday, May 21st at noon on the 2019 TVFCU Leap Grant application process. TVFCU Athens Branch Manager, Holly Goines, will be the guest speaker. The LITE House is located at 3 West College Street in Athens. This session is for business owners interested in applying for grant funds to help grow their local small business. More information on the grant process can be found [HERE](#). The LITE House is an entrepreneurial resource center for the community that is focused on cultivating and growing local businesses.
 - ✓ The McMinn County Commission meets tonight at 7:30 in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse, which is on the ground floor. The public is invited to attend.
 - ✓ The Athens City Council meets Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Burkett Witt Council Chambers at the Athens Municipal Building. The public is invited to attend.
 - ✓ Save the date: The annual Soap Box Derby will take place this year on Saturday, June 1st between City Park School and Athens City Middle School on Keith Lane.
- LISTENING REMINDER:** The guest on the Main Street Athens radio show, "Main Street Moments," this week will be Janene Putman, owner of the Beanery Uncorked. You can hear the program each Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, FM 94.5 and AM 1390 or [ONLINE](#)

FRIENDLY CITY CO-ED SOFTBALL

Sign up as a team or as a free agent! Registration ends June 3. Games will be on Tuesdays in June and July and played at Athens Regional Park.

Athens Parks and Recreation
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Obituaries

- ♦ **William E. "Gene" Burke**, age 80, of Athens, died Thursday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the service at Ziegler.
- ♦ **Glenn Lawson**, age 90, of Alma, Georgia, and formerly of Athens, died Friday night at a hospital there. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Smith Funeral and Cremation Services.
- ♦ **Tommy G. Watson**, age 76, of Athens, died Saturday in Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Smith Funeral and Cremation Services.

♦ **AUB RATES TO JUMP IN JUNE**

Local electric power rates for June will rise by about 7.3% COMPARED TO May as Athens Utilities Board moves from spring-time base rates to summer base rates. AUB's Wayne Scarbrough says the change in rates will increase the average residential user of 1200 kilowatt hours by \$7.60. He suggests you raise your thermostat to 75 degrees, use ceiling fans, and use curtains or awnings for windows to reduce solar heat gain from the sun.

♦ **FRIDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 99 points or 0.4% to 25,764. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 17 points or 0.6% to 2,860, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 82 points or 1.0% to 7,816.

More Local News

♦ **CITY OF ATHENS SPLASHPAD NOW OPEN**

The new Athens City Splashpad, described as the largest in the Southeast, was dedicated on Saturday and had its official grand opening. Pictured are several dignitaries and visitors getting the inaugural soaking from the 350 gallon Tidal Tank. Pictured with numerous children who enjoyed the opening day festivities are: (L-R) Athens City Manager C. Seth Sumner, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation representative Jamison Sliger, Athens Parks Foundation Chairman Fred Burke, Athens City Council members Bo Perkinson and Mark Lockmiller, and State Rep. Mark



Cochran. The splashpad will be open throughout the summer from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and is admission free. Donations to support the splashpad can be made to the Athens Parks Foundation. (Photo by Gregg Moses)

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