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Thursday, July 11, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

## Local & Area News

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### ◆ ANOTHER ATHENS OFFICER INJURED

For the second time in less than a month, an Athens police officer has been injured in a struggle in the Emergency Room at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. Officers were called to the ER last Saturday night because a patient was screaming at the hospital staff and using profanity. The man was being held in the Emergency Room on a "Certificate of Need." That is a document signed by a medical provider indicating that a person needs to be held and examined because they may be a danger to themselves or others. It is typically used in relation to mental health or substance abuse problems. Officers tried to calm the man down, but he refused to stop. When officers attempted to take the man into custody for Disorderly Conduct, he attacked one of them by slamming him into a wall. During the ensuing scuffle, Officer Nick Purkey injured his knee. The patient was eventually arrested and taken to the McMinn County Jail. This was the second time in recent weeks that such an incident has left an Athens police officer injured. On June 21st, a similar situation unfolded at the ER, with a patient being belligerent and an officer trying to subdue him. In that scuffle, Officer Randy Queen wrestled the suspect and in the process injured his leg. The man started running to the hospital's interior and Officer Queen shouted to Officer Beau Swafford to deploy his taser, which he did. Other officers then arrived and took the suspect into custody.

### ◆ THE GROUND SHAKES IN EAST TENNESSEE

There have been 96 earthquakes in East Tennessee in the past 365 days. Most of them are in the range of 2.0 on the Richter Scale. Earthquakes of that magnitude rarely do any damage and frequently take place without being noticed. The biggest exception in recent months was the 4.4 quake that struck near Decatur last December 18th. Many people heard or felt that quake and there were reports of some minor damage. What should you do in the event of a large earthquake? According to FEMA, do not get in a doorway. If you are in bed, lie there face down and cover your head with your arms. If you're outside, stay there but keep away from trees or bridges. FEMA says you should remember the drop, cover, and hold on slogan. Drop down, cover your head with one arm, crawl to a sturdy table or desk and get under it. With the other hand, hold on to the table or desk.

### ◆ IT'S RIVER TOWN TIME IN CALHOUN

The annual River Town Festival takes place at Hiwassee Mead-owland Park in Calhoun this weekend in Calhoun. The festival opens Friday at 5 p.m. with craft and food vendors, music by Cole Sitzler, and a showing of the movie "Wild River" at 9. Saturday activities include a 5k run, a Duck Race, a Cardboard Boat Regatta, pontoon boat rides on the Hiwassee River, entertainment by impressionist Connor Lorre, and bus tours of historic Calhoun. Admission and parking are free.

### RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



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### WEATHER FORECAST

**Thursday** - Partly sunny. 60% rain & possible t'storm. High 86.  
**Thursday Night** - Cloudy. Possible t'storm. Low 71.  
**Friday** - Clouds mixed with sun. High 85.  
**Friday Night** - Cloudy & Humid. Low 71.  
**Saturday** - Clouds mixed with sun. High 86.  
Weather at: [wysi.com](http://wysi.com)

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**Inflatables, Games for the Kids and Lunch**  
**Vacation Bible School, July 14th - 17th 6pm - 8pm**



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## Obituaries

♦ **Mark Beasley**, age 49, of Madisonville, died last Friday at Sweetwater Hospital. He was most recently employed at Coleman Glass Company. A celebration of his life and homegoing will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. this Saturday at Vonore Full Gospel Church in Madisonville. Serenity of Etowah Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **John Wayne King**, age 60, of Decatur, (and formerly of Athens), died Tuesday at his home. A graveside service will be held Friday at 12:30 p.m. in the Mountain View Memorial Gardens in Decatur. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of the arrangements.

**WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 77 points to 26,860. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 13 points to 2,992, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 61 points to 8,203.

### ♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ The American Job Center Career Coach Bus will be at the Etowah Carnegie Library next Monday, July 15th, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Assistance with job searching, basic computer operation, interviews, referral letters, etc., will be provided.

✓ The City of Etowah Public Works Department will be closing Athens Pike from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday beginning next Monday, July 15th, to repair a drain site. The Athens Pike closure will be from Grady Road to Highway 30. Those living inside the closed area will be allowed access to their homes during the repairs.

## Davidson Dental Wins Award

Dr. Dave Davidson and staff at Davidson Dental Care are the recipients of this month's Beautification Award from Main Street Athens.

Dr. Davidson is a graduate of UT Health Science Center in Memphis and has been in practice in Athens for 34 years. The office is located at 200 North Jackson Street. The photo shows: (L-R) Stephanie Myers (Executive Director of Keep McMinn Beautiful), Dr. Davidson, and Lisa Arnwine Dotson (Executive Director of Main Street).



(Executive Director of Main Street).

(Photo from Lisa Dotson)

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&  
**Saturday, July 13th**  
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& EXHIBITS

**Friday Entertainment:** Cole Sitzlar, Rising Country Star 7pm  
The movie "Wild River" shown at dark at the pavilion

**Saturday Entertainment:**

Conner Lorre, Singing Impressionist 11am - 1pm  
Run to the River 5K & 1K 8am Historical Ride 12 Noon  
Both start at Hiwassee Meadowlands Park

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