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Tuesday-August 16, 2011

Athens, Tennessee

STATE AND LOCAL NEWS

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

- ✓ The Athens City Council holds its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. today at the Athens Municipal Building. One topic on the agenda is a vote on whether to consolidate the city's E-911 service with the McMinn County E-911 system.
- ✓ The Athens Public Works Department advises that East Avenue will be closed from Railroad Avenue to Redfern Drive from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. today for replacement of a manhole.
- ✓ The McMinn County Election Commission will meet in regular session at 5:30 p.m. today in the conference room of the Court-house Annex.
- ✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce's final summer "Business BEFORE Hours" session will be this Thursday, August 18th, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. The event will be hosted by All American Gun Shop located at 911 N. Congress Parkway.
- ✓ An art show titled "We Don't Just Sit In Rocking Chairs" continues at the Etowah Art Commission next to the Gem Theater. The exhibit features items from the Etowah Area Senior Center. There will be a free public reception this Thursday, Aug. 18, from 5 to 7 p.m.
- ✓ The 3rd Annual Champion Rodeo to benefit the Idlewild Fire Department will be held this Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. under the covered arena at Athens Regional Park. The rodeo will feature bull riding, mutton bustin' and barrel racing. The grandson of Bodacious, the unriden bull, will be on hand. Tickets are \$12 for 11 and older and \$7 for ages 5-10. Four & under are free.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ President Obama is taking a three-day bus tour through three Midwestern states this week. He visited Minnesota yesterday. His schedule calls for a "rural economic forum" in Iowa today. He'll wrap up on Wednesday with town hall meetings in Illinois.
- ◆ Bomb blasts ripped through more than a dozen Iraqi cities on Monday, killing 60 security forces and civilians in the worst attack this year. The blasts were coordinated to go off Monday morning and included car bombs, roadside bombs, bombs attached to lightpoles, and a suicide bomber who rammed his vehicle into a police station.
- ◆ Authorities say a woman drowned after being swept over Niagara Falls when she fell from a railing along the Canadian side of the Niagara River. Police say two female students in their 20's from the Toronto area were visiting the falls Sunday night when one of them climbed onto a railing near the river's edge and apparently lost her footing, falling into the river about 80 feet upstream from the falls. The river's swift current swept her over the falls.
- ◆ School officials are trying to figure out what to do after a small plane carrying all three teachers for a remote Alaska village crashed in the wilderness three days before classes were to begin, killing one of the teachers. The pilot also died when the plane went down in poor visibility.
- ◆ Stocks gained for a third day on Monday after last week's wild swings on news that Google is buying Motorola Mobility and indications that European leaders may get control of the euro zone's debt problems. The DJIA closed up 213.88 at 11,482.90.

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11:35a, & 5:10p
Saturdays at
12:30p & 5:10p

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Contemporary Folk Art Exhibit

What does contemporary folk art look like? Visitors to the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum's latest exhibit can see one artist's exploration of our region's artistic heritage in "Kaleidoscope of Creativity: The Artwork of Shawndell Natter."

Natter has lived in Athens for more than a decade and uses East Tennessee's natural beauty and cultural heritage as inspiration for her art.

The exhibit of paintings and eco-sculpture is on display through September 30th. Examples of her work are shown below.



Obituaries

Stacie Nicole Brantley, age 25, of Knoxville and formerly of Athens died this past Saturday at St. Mary's Hospital in Knoxville. She was a graduate of McMinn County High School, where she was active in sports. She also attended Cleveland State Community College. She was associated with Personal Choice Healthcare. Funeral services were held Monday night at Smith Funeral Home.

Charles Ray Griffith, age 52, of Athens died Sunday at his residence. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. this Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 1 to 3 p.m.

Grover Lee Pilkey, age 88, of Athens died Saturday at his residence. He was a former employee of Bowater. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m.

Benjamin Preston Lane Atkins, newborn son of Aubrye Lane Atkins of Athens was born on August 10th and passed away at Sweetwater Hospital. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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1915 - A major hurricane with a 12-foot storm surge inundated Galveston, Texas, to a depth of 5 to 6 feet. Two-hundred-75 people died.

1924 - Actor Fess Parker was born. He played the role of Davy Crockett in the Disney TV series and movie about the frontiersman's life. He had a hit record titled "The Ballad of Davy Crockett." Parker died in March of 2010.

1948 - Baseball Hall of Famer Babe Ruth died at the age of 53.

1977 - Singer Elvis Presley died at his home in Memphis at the age of 42.

1987 - A Northwest Airlines plane crashed on take-off from Detroit Metropolitan Airport, killing 156 people. The only survivor was a 4-year-old girl.

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