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Friday, August 14, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

State and Local News

◆ STUDENTS SAY FAREWELL TO TEACHER

In a touching tribute, students at Athens City Middle School lined both sides of Keith Lane in front of the school Thursday morning to say farewell to 29-year-old Rebecca Danielle Mazza, a teachers' aide at the school, who died unexpectedly last week. The students held Danielle's favorite flower, daisies, in their hands as the funeral procession drove past the school, on its way to McMinn Memory Gardens.



(Photo by Sandy Starr)

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

- ✓ The 7th Annual Idlewild Fire Department Championship Rodeo will be held tonight and tomorrow night at 8 p.m. under the covered arena at Athens Regional Park.
- ✓ The Sounds of Summer Concert series at Market Pavilion in Downtown Athens tomorrow night will feature Jazz Jam with Tim Hughes and Hot Nights/Cool Jazz. The concert starts at 7 p.m. and is sponsored by Jim Bob Contracting.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ Gigantic explosions occurred in Tianjin, China, on Wednesday, killing at least 50 people and injuring hundreds. The blasts were powerful enough to register on earthquake sensors and could be seen in space on weather satellites.
- ◆ A group of friends and former aides are reporting that former Vice President Al Gore might run for president in 2016. The former vice president has not ruled out another run for the White House.
- ◆ The state Supreme Court of Connecticut has ruled the death penalty unconstitutional. The court said that executions "violate the state constitutional prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment."

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Heritage School at the McMinn Living Heritage Museum tomorrow will feature the Trinity Warriors chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association. This group uses their hobby of riding motorcycles as a ministry. The program will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Last Saturday, the McMinn County Radio Control Association presented a display and demonstration of radio-controlled aircraft.
- ✓ The Athens Travelers Car Club will hold its monthly "Cruise-In" tomorrow in the Downtown parking lot. Jackson Street will be closed from 4 to 10 p.m. from Green Street to Madison Avenue.



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Church News and Events

- Voice of Deliverance Ministry Church of God in Christ invites the public to their final pre-pastoral anniversary service to be held at 7:30 tonight. The guest speaker will be Rev. Vant Hardaway. The church is located at 520 Old Riceville Road in Athens.

- Athens Lutheran Church at 710 Forest Ave. will be having their Annual Chicken BBQ tomorrow from noon to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$9, and the meal includes 1/2 chicken, baked beans, pasta salad, dessert, and a soft drink. There will be music, face painting, and games for the children.

- The movie "Four Blood Moons" will be shown tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Abundant Blessings Assembly of God Church at 2613 Cardinal Street in Athens. Child care will be available.

- Trinity United Methodist Church will host a "Blessing of the Helmets" worship service for the McMinn County and McMinn Central High School football teams and their families this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Dr. Jay Ferguson, the church pastor, will be the speaker.

- Dr. Jim Schettler will be the guest speaker this Sunday at Fairview Baptist Church on Fairview Road, Athens. He is the Vice President of Student Affairs at West Coast Baptist College in Lancaster, California. The service starts at 11 a.m. It's also airs on WYXI.



Obituaries

• **Dennis C. Barker**, age 70, of Ten Mile (and a former longtime resident of Athens) died Wednesday at Park West Medical Center. He served in the Army during the Vietnam War. He retired from United Parcel Service (UPS) after 23 years. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at McMinn Memory Gardens, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Smith Funeral Home.

• **Wayne "Camel" Godsey**, age 80, of Decatur died Wednesday. He was a lifetime member of the Wolf Creek Fire Department. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Saturday at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m.

• **Fannie Fairbanks**, age 97 of Athens, died Thursday at Brookwood Nursing Center in Decatur. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ The McMinn County Commission holds its monthly meeting next Monday, August 17th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse.

✓ The Downtown Summer Nights concert in Decatur tomorrow night will feature the 2X2 Quartet and the Heirborn Quartet. The concert starts at 7 p.m. on the stage across from the Meigs County Courthouse.

✓ The UT Extension Office in McMinn County will present "Dining with Diabetes," a free school for people with diabetes and their caretakers. The school will be each Tuesday in September from 10 a.m. to 12 noon or from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Extension office at 107 W. College Street in Athens. Call 745-2852 to register.

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