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State & Local News

◆ ATHENS POLICE/FIRE REPORT FOR JUNE

The Athens City Council heard the reports of activity for June by the Athens Police and Fire Departments at its Tuesday night meeting. Police Chief Cliff Couch reported there were 50 thefts in June, 24 assaults, 18 burglaries, five motor vehicle thefts, and one robbery. Police issued 223 citations for moving violations. There were 77 traffic accidents in June with 15 injuries. Fire Chief Jim Dyer reported that firefighters responded to 79 calls in June. The calls included one building fire, four vehicle fires, nine vehicle accidents, nine medical assists, two lightning strikes, and two downed power lines. Losses for the month totaled \$68,500.00.

◆ CANDIDATE HARWELL TO VISIT ATHENS

Republican gubernatorial candidate Beth Harwell will visit Athens today and hold a meet and greet session. It was originally scheduled to be held in the Blue Room of the Courthouse. However, due to a conflict, the event will be held across the street in the conference room of the McMinn County Courthouse ANNEX from noon to 1 p.m.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Parks Department announces that the soccer fields and softball fields at the Regional Park are now closed for maintenance until August 13th. During this time, the fields will be closed for games, practices, and any type of play.

National & World News

◆ The 12 young soccer players and their coach who were rescued from a Thai cave never gave up hope of being found alive. They passed the time digging into a rocky wall believing they might be able to tunnel out. As the water rose in the cave, they moved to higher ground where they heard voices. This was the beginning of their miraculous rescue from the cave.

◆ Jose Gilberto Rodriguez, 46, a parolee who authorities said cut off his ankle monitor and carried out a series of killings in the Houston area has been arrested and charged with capital murder. He is a suspect in at least three slayings in the past week.

◆ Authorities are investigating whether a 13-year-old boy and a 12-year-old girl are victims of shark attacks on Fire Island, a barrier beach off the beach of the south shore of Long Island, New York. They both suffered large fish bites shortly before noon Wednesday.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Today is "Chalk the Walk" Day at E.G. Fisher Public Library. You are invited to creatively color the library's sidewalk at 4:30 p.m. The program is open to all ages.

✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library will have a Sock Hop Closing Party at 2 p.m. today at the Etowah Community Center. You are invited to come dressed in 50's attire--poodle skirts and bobby socks for the girls and t-shirts and blue jeans for the guys, and celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Program.

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Obituaries

- ♦ **Bart Rual Johnson**, age 60, of Etowah, died Tuesday. Arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Kathleen Marie McKee**, age 60, of Athens, died July 12th. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, July 28th, at 11 a.m. at the Miracle Deliverance Tabernacle located at 245 County Road 677 in Riceville. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of the arrangements.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks were mixed, with the Dow Jones and S&P 500 up but the NASDAQ down. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 79 points or 0.3% to 25,199. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 7 points or 0.2% to 2,81, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 1 point to 7,854.

POLICE ARREST A SHOOTING SUSPECT

Athens police have arrested a suspect in connection with a shooting that occurred at Lee Manor Apartments on June 14th. Responding officers were told that a man walked up to an apartment and fired numerous gunshots into it. There were three people inside, but no one was injured. During their investigation, officers were able to obtain a warrant for the arrest of Joseph Kibodeaux. He was taken into custody early Wednesday morning at a residence on Delmar Street, and then booked into the McMinn County Jail.

Sea Dragons Head to UT

Six swimmers from the Athens Sea Dragons wrapped up an impressive showing in the Chattanooga City Championships. This weekend, the stage gets bigger as qualifiers Jaedyn Dauphinais (left) and Anna Natter (right) will be competing in the 2018 Southeastern Championships which take place at U.T.

(Photo by Coach Tony Womac)



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