



Thursday, May 9, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

Harold "Prof" Powers Passes

The man who everybody knew as "Prof' died Wednesday morn-

ing at his home. He was 93. Harold Powers was born and raised in Athens. As a young man, he participated in the Battle of Athens in 1946. He became the principal at City Park School at its beginning. In 1951, City Park School became the first public school in Tennessee to try a program of school camping when Prof started Camp Oo-Tah-Nee-Noh-Chee. He taught thousands of young people to swim. He was active in the Boy Scouts, serving as a scoutmaster and produced



dozens and dozens of Eagle Scounts. He served several terms on the Athens City Council. He was active in his church, Athens First Baptist, and was a renowned story-teller. He was the Athens Man of the Year in 1956. In 2016, Knox Park was renamed Prof Powers Park in honor of "Prof."

Community News You Can Use

✓ The Grace & Mercy "Race for Grace" Spring Triathlon will be held this coming Saturday at 7:30 a.m. starting at the Athens-McMinn YMCA. The following streets will be occupied by runners, cyclists, and spectators: Knoxville Ave., Woodward Ave., Guille St., Forrest Ave., Ingleside Ave., E. Madison Ave., Slack Road, Jackson St., Railroad Ave., and Tellico Ave.

✓ The Gem Players will present *Steel Magnolias* this Friday at Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Gem Theater in Etowah. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for children 10 to 12 years.

✓ The Athens Community Theatre announces auditions for the summer 2019 youth production of **Disney's Frozen JR** will be held on Sunday, June 2nd, at 3:30 p.m. and Monday, June 3rd, at 6 p.m. at The Arts Center. The cast is kids ages 7-17, including actors, singers, and dancers. All participants must be able to read from the script. For more information, call 745-8781.

✓ Historian Bill Akins will tell the story of the Sultana tragedy and how it affected McMinn County this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1p.m. at the Living Heritage Museum.





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Obituaries

• Harold N. "Prof" Powers, age 93, died Wednesday at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.

• **Randall Ross Moss,** age 84, of Sweetwater, died Monday. He was the McMinn County Highway Commissioner for 30 years. He was an Air Force veteran. The family will receive friends Thursday from 5-7 p.m. at Kyker Funeral Home in Sweetwater, followed by a Masonic service and a funeral service.

• **Brian Keith Teague,** age 50, of Athens, died Tuesday. He had worked at Staley in Loudon. The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

NEW FIREFIGHTERS GET THEIR BADGES Several members of the Athens Fire Department took part in a special ceremony at City Hall on Wednesday to recognize fire department members who have recently been hired or promoted, as well as the newly formed Public Safety Honor Guard.. The firefighters are pictured below.





Save Room for Dessert!

AUB is Sniffing for Gas

AUB and its contractor, Leak Detection Services, Inc., will be performing routine leak surveys of natural gas lines from the street all the way to customer meters during May. Technicians will be using a four-wheeler equipped with sensitive leak detection equipment to "sniff" service lines. The work will start on the western side of Interstate 75, including the Highway 30, Highway 305, County Road 250, and E.K. Baker Elementary School areas. The four-wheeler being used in the survey is shown below.





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