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Wednesday, May 29, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

## Local & Area News

### ◆ IT'S SOAP BOX DERBY TIME

The 25th annual Athens All-American Soap Box Derby will be held this coming Saturday, June 1st, on Keith Lane. There will be three divisions: the Stock class, the Super Stock class, and the Super Kids class. Practice runs will begin at 7:15 a.m., driver introductions at 8:15 a.m., and racing will begin immediately following. Twenty-nine drivers are registered for the race. Live race coverage will be heard on WYXI Radio, FM-94.5, AM 1390 and [ONLINE](#). The winners of each division will advance to Akron, Ohio, for the All-American Soap Box Derby World Championship.

### ◆ DATE SET FOR ATHENS SALES TAX VOTE

The referendum on whether to raise the local sales tax in the City of Athens by .75% has been set for August 20th. That will be the only item on the ballot and will be for Athens voters only. If it passes, most of the additional revenue would be used for improvements to Athens City Schools.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ The countdown to the Summer Reading Program is on at E.G. Fisher Public Library The Summer Reading Kick-Off Carnival will be Thursday, May 30th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year's carnival will feature a waterslide, water games, face painting, games, and more. The carnival begins eight weeks of free educational programs offered at the library. This year's program includes visits from the zoo, the aquarium, and NASA.

## Memorial Day at the Splash Pad

What better way to spend Memorial Day than at the new splash pad at Athens Regional Park. Bruce and Chris Hari took grandson Greyson. The photo shows Greyson had a great time playing in the water.



## Union McMinn Baptist Church

Vacation Bible School

June 2nd - 7th

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Supper served nightly

I-75 Exit 56

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## FRIENDLY CITY CO-ED SOFTBALL

Sign up as a team or as a free agent! Registration ends June 3. Games will be on Tuesdays in June and July and played at Athens Regional Park.

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Senior Buffet: (Ages 55+) Monday-Friday from 2-4 p.m. ~ \$6.79.



May Specials >> 2 Chicken Biscuits \$5.00

• 3 Pc Supreme Combo \$4.99 • 8 Pc Tailgate or 12 Pc Supreme Tailgate w/ 4 Biscuits, 2 Sides & 1/2 Gal Tea \$19.99 • 5 Meals for \$5 Ea • 32 oz Tea \$1

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- WEDNESDAY: Etowah - 10:30 - 1:00
- THURSDAY: Loudon 10:30 - 1:00
- FRIDAY: Sweetwater 10:30 - 2:00
- FRIDAY PM: Pole Barn at Mayfield Corn Maze Stock the Pantries Live Concert Event 5 - 9

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## Obituaries

- ♦ **Artie Marie Jackson Coffey**, age 90, died Monday at the home of her daughter, Judy, in Cleveland. She was a devoted stay at home mother and after raising her children, she began her career outside the home at Athens Hosiery Mill. Later she worked at Ripe n Ready Market selling fresh produce. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. prior to the service.
- ♦ **Amanda Beth Chapman**, age 26, of Decatur, died Monday. No services are scheduled at this time. Bowers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Larry Swafford**, age 73, of the Rogers Creek Community died Tuesday at his residence. Funeral services will be at 5 p.m. Thursday at Short Creek Baptist Church with visitation from 3 to 5 p.m. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Charles Lee Roberts**, age 62, of Decatur, died Sunday at Starr Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be Friday at 8 p.m. at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m.
- ♦ **Helen Bell**, age 93, died Monday. She was involved with Tri-County Center and had a prison ministry. A graveside service will be Friday at 2 p.m. in the Cedar Grove Cemetery. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

**MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE**

- ✓ Thursday, May 30th, is the last day of school for students at Fairview Christian Academy and Valley Christian Academy.
- ✓ The Mobile Mammogram unit from CHI Memorial will be at the Meigs County Public Library at 120 E. Memorial Drive in Decatur this Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. To schedule your mammogram exam, call 423-495-4040. If you do not have insurance, no problem.

## Laws on Riding in a Pickup Truck Bed

The Athens Municipal Code spells out city laws for transporting children in the bed of a truck. (State laws also come into play regarding riding in pickup truck beds)

1. A person commits an offense who, on the streets of any municipality, roads of any county, or the highways of Tennessee, transports a child under six years of age in the bed of a truck with a manufacturer's ton rating under 3/4 ton.
2. It is against the law to transport a child between six and 12 in the bed of a pickup truck on any interstate highway or state highway.
3. The law against children riding in the bed of pickups does not apply when the truck is being used as part of an organized parade, procession, or other ceremonial event, and not exceeding 20 mph.
4. The law against children riding in the bed of pickups does not apply when the child being transported is involved in agricultural activities.

**LISTENING REMINDER**

✓ The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be Leanne Goff, from Leanne Goff Ministries. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5 or [ONLINE](#)



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of Niota*  
6 Main St., Downtown Niota

**WORSHIP TIMES: SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 AM**  
**WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:45 PM**  
**LIFE ON WEDNESDAYS: 6:00 PM**  
**VBS KICKOFF: JULY 13TH**  
**VBS: JULY 14-17TH**

**Sunday, June 2nd: Tyson Leamon Singing**  
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