

Friday, July 5, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

State & Area News

• CLERK'S OFFICE CLOSED ON SATURDAYS Beginning July 6th, the McMinn County Clerk's office will be

closed on Saturdays. There are several ways to renew your license tags besides in the office: Mail, on-line, and the kiosk at the Athens Food City. The Clerk's office will have extended hours every Monday until 5:30 p.m. The new hours are as follows:

Monday: 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Chris White, President and CEO of Peoples Bank of East Tennessee in Madisonville, has been installed as East Tennessee Director of the Tennessee Bankers Association. White has served Peoples Bank as President and CEO for 18 years. He is also a senior member of the American Bankers Association's Community Bank Council in Washington, D.C.

✓ There will be no Sounds of Summer concert at Market Park Pavilion this Saturday evening.

✓ E.G. Fisher Public Library invites your children ages 2 to 10 to join them Saturday at 11 a.m. for storytime featuring space stories from around the world.

Comfort Inn Observes 10th Year

Neil Mistry and Comfort Inn recently celebrated their 10th year of being in Athens. (Richard Newman sent us this photo)



◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE ✓ The last day to register to vote in the August 20th Athens Sales Tax Referendum will be July 22nd. Any qualified voter who does not live in the City of Athens but lives in McMinn County may vote in the referendum if they own at least 50% interest in developable land. You can register to vote by bringing a certified copy of your warranty deed to the election commission office no later than July 22nd and completing a registration form.





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Obituaries

• Mary Estella Howell, age 77, of Athens, died Wednesday in a local hospital. She was a former employee of Sweetwater Hospital. A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. on Monday at Companion Funeral Home of Athens with visitation from 6 to 7 p.m. prior to the service.

• Jane Rucker, age 76, of Etowah, died Tuesday at Starr Regional Medical Center in Etowah. A Celebration of Life and Home going will be at 7 p.m. on Friday at Serenity Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the service.

AN EASTERN TIGER SWALLOWTAIL BUTTERFLY

The butterflies are making their appearance in the Athens area. Jennifer Hardison captured this close-up photo of an Eastern Tiger Swallowtail butterfly. We hope you enjoy the beauty of



one of God's creations.

Church News & Events

- Athens First Baptist Church has called a new pastor. He is Dr. Bill Henard. He and his wife, Judy, will be coming to Athens in August. Dr. Henard has pastored numerous churches, including Decatur First Baptist Church in the early 1980's. Most recently, he has been executive director of the West Virginia Baptist Association.

- Mt. Olive A.M.E. Zion Church in Etowah introduced their new pastor on Sunday, June 30th. He is Rev. Benjamin Jackson, Jr. He and his wife, Deborah, are shown to the right.



- Allen Memorial United Methodist will welcome their new pastor, Rev. Dr. Charles Ensminger, this Sunday. He is the grandson of the late J. Neal and Maggie Ensminger.

- Athens Lutheran Church will have VBS July 8th-12th from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Lunch will be provided each day and there will be a pool party on Friday evening. There will be classes for 3year-olds through 8th grade. Call 745-9419 for information.

- First Christian Church in Etowah will present the gospel trio Ordained in concert this Sunday at 11 a.m.

- Lane's Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church on CR 264, Niota, will have their Annual Homecoming this Sunday. The 11 a.m. speaker will be Rev. Valencia Cross Morris and the 3 p.m. speaker is Rev. Erica Haigler from Rockwood.

