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Thursday, July 18, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

Showing Athens Hospitality

The Athens contestants in the All American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio, spent much of Monday showing some Athens hospitality. Asher Crews and Ashlyn Liner are shown holding the Tennessee flag during the parade in downtown Akron, and throwing out souvenirs of Athens to the derby crowd.



Local & Area News

◆ GET READY FOR SALES TAX HOLIDAY

Tennessee's annual sales tax weekend is coming up on Friday, July 26th, through Sunday, July 28th. During that period, shoppers can save nearly 10% on more than 150 different items, including clothing, computers, and school supplies. State and local taxes will not be collected on exempt items that cost \$100 or less per item and computers that cost \$1,500 or less. The sales tax holiday weekend is for everyone, not just students and not just Tennesseans. Anyone who wants to shop in Tennessee during the last weekend of July will be eligible to save on sales tax.

◆ HUSTON RECEIVES VIVID AWARD

The Athens City Council's monthly VIVID (Very Important Volunteer Individual) Award was presented to Richy Huston at Tuesday's Council meeting. Huston moved to Athens in 1987 and has tried to live up to his town's nickname, "The Friendly City." He helps out his fellow citizens anytime he can, including helping people out of a ditch after a heavy snow, rescuing pets that have wandered away from home, and helping people remove fallen trees from the homes of driveways after a storm. He is also an avid cyclist, who rides from 3,500 to 5,000 miles per year. During a recent storm, Richy ventured into the street in heavy rain to protect American flags that had been blown away in Downtown Athens. He pulled them out of the street before cars ran over them.

RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



Western Sizzlin' Steak House-1804 Decatur Pike
All Day: 8 oz. Sizzlin' Sirloin + Salad - Side - Bakery - Dessert - Rolls ~ \$12.99
Senior Buffet: (Ages 55+) Monday-Friday from 2-4 p.m. ~ \$6.79.



July Specials >> 2 Sausage Biscuits \$2.50 • 2 Egg & Sausage Biscuits \$3.50 • 8 Pc Tailgate or Supremes & Homestyle Tailgate w/4 Biscuits \$19.99 • 2 Cajun Sandwiches - \$5 • 5 Meals for \$5
IT'S BO TIME BOJANGLES S. Congress Parkway 744-5292

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks

fell as investors assessed mixed corporate earnings and rising uncertainty around U.S.-China trade. The industrials and energy sectors were hit the hardest. The utilities sector performed well due to lower interest rates. U.S. housing starts declined in June, slightly below economists' forecast. Bank of America reported results ahead of expectations, driven by consumer-banking results and cost management. U.S. Treasuries rose.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 116 points or 0.4% to 27,220. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 18 points or 0.6% to 2,986, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 38 points or 0.5% to 8,185.

In commodity markets, the spot price of gold rose \$19.21 to \$1,425.49, and the price of crude oil fell \$1.07 to \$56.55.

The 30-year Treasury yield closed lower at 2.56% and the 10-year Treasury yield finished lower at 2.05%.

WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday - Cloudy & humid. Possible showers & t'storms. High 88.

Thursday Night - Partly cloudy & humid. Low 78.

Friday - Some sun. Possible t'storms. High 90.

Friday Night - Cloudy & humid. Low 70.

Saturday - Possible t'storms.

High 90. See more at: wysi.com

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Athens, Tennessee

World & National News

- ◆ A federal judge in Brooklyn sentenced Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman to life in prison on Wednesday. Guzman, 62, was convicted in February of charges that mandate life in prison, proving he was "a ruthless and bloodthirsty leader of the Sinaloa Cartel."
- ◆ Egypt has started a project to restore the wooden coffin of Tutankhamun for the first time since the boy king's tomb was discovered in 1922.

A HUMMINGBIRD UP CLOSE

Jennifer Hardison sent us this photo of a Ruby-throated hummingbird that flew all around her deck the other evening. She was about 15 feet away when she snapped the picture.



Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The 3rd Civic Saturday will take place this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12 noon upstairs at White Street Market in Downtown Athens. During Civic Saturday, friends and neighbors visit, hear readings from classic American texts, enjoy songs from Joshua Bragg, and listen to a short "civic sermon" from local leader Kristin Schrader. There will also be time for a Q&A about the Athens City Schools building project. Everyone is invited to attend.
- ✓ The McMinn County Amateur Radio Club will be hosting the 15th annual MCARC Hamfest this Saturday, July 20th, at the McMinn County Expo Center at Athens Regional Park. Ham operators from the four-state area are expected to attend the hamfest to sell or buy items of interest to ham radio enthusiasts. Vendor setup will begin Friday afternoon and continue Saturday morning. Admission is \$5 and the hamfest officially begins at 7 a.m. Saturday. Testing for ham licensing will take place during the course of the morning.
- ✓ The Athens Travelers Cruise-In will be held this Saturday, July 20th, in the Price Less parking lot at Decatur Pike and Dupit Street behind Tennessee Valley Credit Union. Activities begin at 4 p.m., rain or shine.
- ✓ The program this Saturday at the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum will be a demonstration by Joe Kyte on how he creates living sculptures from live plants. The program goes from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free to museum members. \$5 for non-members.

FRIENDS OF NRA ONE TEAM ONE VOICE ONE VISION
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East Tennessee Valley Friends of NRA Event
Saturday - July 27, 2019 - 5:30 PM
Athens Parks Conference Center
2405 Decatur Pike- Athens, TN

Door Prize-Must Be Present to Win
Sig Sauer Nitron P365 Pistol 9MM

Early Bird Door Prize - Must Be Present to Win
Beretta Pico Inox Pistol 380ACP with Ammo
(Must purchase ticket by 07/20/19 for Early Bird Entry)



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MOVIE NIGHT

Tuesday, July 30 | 6:30 p.m.
Movie Palace

Join TVFCU for Community Movie Night!

Disney's The Lion King (2019)

\$1 Ticket Includes Popcorn

Tickets Available at TVFCU Athens Branch

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