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Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ **TONIGHT** the 2023 Sounds of Summer series presented by Friendly City Festivals features "Kinslee Melhorn." She will be performing tonight at Market Pavilion in downtown Athens, starting at 7:00 p.m. It's free. Bring your lawn chair & blankets.
- ✓ The Etowah 4th of July Celebration begins at 7:30 a.m. with the Boy Scout Troop 74 pancake breakfast. There will be lots of activities throughout the day. The Kids Zone will be at the Walking Trail from 11 to 7. Some of the morning activities include the 5K road race, beauty pageant, and the corn hole tournament at the Walking Trail. In the afternoon there will be music by Julia Keeton, Josh Gilbert Band, the Etowah Town Band, Izzy Weeks, and a watermelon eating contest at the Kids Zone. There will be many activities throughout the day and fireworks begin at 9:45 p.m. WCPH Radio AM-1220 & FM-95.5 in Etowah will have on air broadcasting. See their ad on page 2
- ✓ The annual American Legion Post 68 July 4th Celebration will be on July 4th 11 am to 2 pm Market Park downtown Athens. Free hamburgers, hot dog, chips, drink and live music.

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Church News and Events

- Pastor Hugh Dixson of Lane's Chapel AME Zion Church at 904 Co Rd 264 Niota, will host homecoming July 2nd at 11:00 AM with guest speaker Rev. William H Ryan III and the Oak Grove Baptist Church of Niota. At 3:00 PM guest speaker is Rev. Tiki Dixon and the St. Mark AME Zion Church of Athens.
- Chris Bryant, former Kingsman lead vocalist, singer and songwriter will be in concert at Solid Rock Baptist Church in Calhoun on July 23rd at 10:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, Mars Hill Presbyterian Church of Athens now offers a GriefShare program each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. For more information call 423-829-5052.
- Celebrate Recovery meets at the following churches: The Englewood Church of God every Sunday at 6 p.m. and Woodward Avenue Church of God every Tuesday at 6 p.m.
- Thomas Brown will be singing at the McMahan Calvary Baptist Church, 569 Co Rd 172, Athens, at their morning service on Sunday, July 2nd. Come and be blessed by his singing ministry.
- Rev. Chris Eady and his wife Miranda will be celebrating their 6th anniversary as pastor and first lady of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church of Athens on Sunday, July 2nd. Morning services start with devotions at 10:30 a.m. The speaker will be Elder Bobby Fields and members of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Loudon. Everyone is invited to attend.

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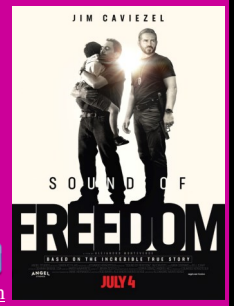
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- Tuesday July 4 at 11:30 AM & 2:15 PM
- Wednesday July 5 at 11:30 AM, 2:15 PM & 5:00 PM
- Thursday July 6 at 4:15 & 7:00 PM



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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Wesley "Allen" Benton**, age 54, passed away on Saturday, June 24th. He leaves to mourn loved ones who will continue to honor his legacy through happy memories. Wesley ensured he lived a loving, caring life with a heart of gold. Wesley will forever remain with us in spirit through the memories, lessons, and values he leaves behind. Wesley was born in Buffalo, New York. He attended McKinley High School and graduated in 1988. Wesley was well-rounded in sports and excelled in New York State Regional sports, earning him numerous accolades and scholarships. Unfortunately, he then succumbed to a knee injury which changed his career of playing professional basketball. Wesley served in the United States Army and received an honorable discharge. He was well known to be the life of the party. In 1995 He moved to Tennessee to be closer to his father and brother. Wes was a team player in sports, hobbies, and employment. He met the love of his life 16 years ago, and they married in 2014. The two were inseparable and loved spending quality time with their family and children. Funeral services will be held Monday, July 3rd at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel of M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home of Athens. The family will receive friends one hour before the service at the funeral home from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Margaret Ann Houston Lamb**, age 73 of Athens, passed away on June 28th. She was the beloved niece to several aunts and uncles; special late aunt Bonnie Watson and survived by special aunt Betty Watson. Visitation will be Saturday, July 1st from 12-2 at Good Samaritan Funeral Home. Graveside service to follow at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Good Samaritan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Obituaries Continued

♦ **Tonya Joniece Booth Moore**, age 57, of Athens, passed away on Wednesday, June 28th. She was a member of Clearwater Baptist Church and played piano at several other churches. Tonya was a devoted wife, mom, and Nona. She drove a school bus for McMinn County and was President of the local chapter of the Blue Star Mothers of America. Tonya loved unconditionally and loved big. She was a native of McMinn County. Visitation will be from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Friday, June 30th at Ziegler Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 8:00 PM. Interment will be held Saturday, July 1st at 10:00 AM at McMinn Memory Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Trampus Garrett**, age 59, of Athens, passed away on June 24th. His departure leaves a void in the lives of those who were fortunate to have known him. Trampus was an individual who cherished his family and the joy they brought him. At this time, no services have been scheduled to commemorate Trampus's life. His memory will live on in the hearts of those he touched, and he will be dearly missed by all who knew him. Rest in peace, dear Trampus. Companion Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Edward Powers**, age 66, of Ten Mile, passed away on Monday, June 26th. He was an avid fisherman. He was a son of the late Chester Powers and Betty Chittum. No formal services will be held. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

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HAPPY 4th of JULY

2023 ETOWAH JULY 4th SCHEDULE

- 7:30-10:00 Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast Troop 74
- 7:30-9:00 5K Road Race – First Baptist Church
- 8:45-9:15 Patriotic Program-Quilts of Valor
- 9:15-9:30 5K Road Race Awards
- 10:30-12:00 Etowah 4th of July Beauty Pageant
- 10:00-1:00 Corn Hole Tournament at Walking Trail
- 11:00-7:00 Kids Zone at the Walking Trail
- 12:30-1:00 Music—Julia Keeton
- 1:00-2:00 Pie/Watermelon Eating Contest Kids Zone
- 1:30-2:30 Music-Josh Gilbert Band
- 2:00-11:00 WCPH Radio AM 1220 FM 95.5 on Air Broadcasting
- 3:00-4:00 Music-Etowah Town Band
- 4:30-5:00 Music-Izzy Weeks
- 5:30-6:30 Music-In Cahoots Band (TN Overhill/TN Arts)
- 7:30-9:00 Headliner-The Tams
- 9:15-9:45 Patriotic Program-Gem Players
- 9:45-10:00 FIREWORKS
- 10:00-11:00 Music-The Tams