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LOCAL & AREA NEWS

◆ CITY OF ATHENS ELECTION UPDATE

~ A total of seven candidates have picked up petitions to run for the Athens City Council election on November 2nd. In alphabetical order, they are Hal Buttram, Shane Jackson, Frances McMahan, Dick Pelley, Bo Perkinson, Kyle O'Dell, and Connie Woodcock. Jackson is planning to run for the two-year term on the ballot. The others have indicated they will seek a four-year term. The deadline for filing the petitions is next Thursday at 12 noon.

~ Five candidates have picked up petitions for the three seats on the Athens School Board. They are Jason Kittle, Chris Liner, Jim Nelson, Amy Sullins, and Pasha Versa. All but Kittle have already filed.

◆ PLANS SET FOR REGIONAL FAIR

The Mid-East Tennessee Regional Fair will be held August 24-29 this year at the Athens Regional Park. The fair will open on Tuesday the 24th at 6 p.m. Admission this year will be \$5 for everyone older than five years. Admission will be charged every day except Thursday, Aug. 26, which will be free admission day for students and Sunday, Aug. 29, which will be free admission for everyone courtesy of Mayfield Dairy Farms. Activities at the fair this year include mud wrestling, racing pigs, lawnmower racing, exhibits, and the carnival. The Fairest of the Fair Pageant will be Thursday at 6 p.m.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ A man suspected in a string of 20 stabbings in Indiana, Ohio, and Virginia was arrested in front of startled passengers at a gate at the Atlanta airport yesterday as he tried to board a plane for Israel.

◆ Stocks fell for the third straight day Thursday after the Labor Department reported the number of people filing for unemployment benefits for the first time rose last week to 484,000. The Dow Jones Industrials Average closed at 10,319.95; down 58.88 points.

◆ In Chicago, the jury in the corruption trial of former Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich says they have reached agreement on just two of the 24 counts against him, indicating they could have a long way to go in analyzing the complex case. The judge told them to go back and deliberate some more.

◆ Be careful if you're cooking chicken on the grill this summer. Health officials say poultry is still the leading culprit in food poisoning outbreaks. Chicken, turkey, and other poultry accounted for 17% of the food-borne illness outbreaks reported to the government last year.

◆ Doctors in Massachusetts say it was not cancer they found in the lung of a 75-year-old man. The dark spot on his X-rays turned out to be a pea he had apparently inhaled that took root in his lung.



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East Tenn Park Activities

You still have time to take opportunity of summertime fun in one of the state parks in East Tennessee. Some of the special events are listed below:

Frozen Head State Park: 30th Annual Heritage Day Festival tomorrow, Aug. 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The annual event celebrates traditional Appalachian music and crafts. The park is located near Wartburg in Morgan County.

Davy Crockett Birthplace State Park: Crockett Days take place tomorrow and Sunday to celebrate the birth of the famous pioneer and political leader, David Crockett. The park is located in Greene County.

Big Ridge State Park: 29th Annual Bluegrass Music Festival, Friday, Aug. 20, from 7 p.m. to midnight. Admission is free. The park is located on the southern shore of Norris Reservoir approximately 25 miles north of Knoxville.

Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park: The park is hosting a variety of traditional arts workshops throughout the month of August, including step-by-step oil painting, 18th century blacksmithing, and natural dyeing. The park is located near Elizabethton.

More information available at: www.state.tn.us/environment/parks/

◆ McMINN COUNTY AIRPORT TO GET GRANT

The governor's office announced late Thursday that the local airport will receive a \$60,000 aeronautics grant. Funds from the grant will be used to purchase grounds maintenance equipment.

Church News & Events

- Trinity United Methodist Church will have its Centennial Kick Off Dinner tomorrow evening at the McMinn Living Heritage Museum. Tickets are sold out.

- River of Life Mission Church at 3348 Highway 39 West, Athens, will have Vacation Bible School on August 21 starting at 9 a.m. and lasting most of the day. All ages are welcome to attend. Call 649-0244 for more information.

- Kevin Spencer and the Dry Valley Boys will be in concert on Saturday, August 21, at 7 p.m. at Solid Rock Baptist Church, 4975 Highway 11 South, Calhoun.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The McMinn County Cross Country team is having a car wash at AutoZone in Athens tomorrow morning to raise money for their upcoming season.

✓ The Etowah Area Senior Center will have a Friday Feast BBQ meal today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Burkett Witt's famous smoked pork, chips, cole slaw and home-made dessert for \$5.00.

✓ The Relay for Life Committee of Meigs County is planning a fall "Festival for Life" on Saturday, Oct. 2, on the square in Decatur. Food and craft vendors are needed. Call Lisa Oliver at 506-8143 for details.

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1860 - Sharpshooter Annie Oakley was born in Ohio. She was noted for her incredible marksmanship. She could split a playing card held on edge and she could hit dimes tossed into the air.

1899 - Motion picture director Alfred Hitchcock was born in London. He was the master of suspense movies. Among his best-known films are "To Catch A Thief," "The Birds," and "Dial M for Murder."

1912 - Golfing great Ben Hogan was born. He won four U.S. Open championships and won the Master's Tournament twice.

1926 - Cuban leader Fidel Castro was born. He led a revolution in 1959 which overthrew the government and established Cuba as a communist state.

1930 - Singer Don Ho ("Tiny Bubbles") was born. He died in 2007.

1951 - Singer Dan Fogelberg was born. He died in 2007.



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