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Athens, Tennessee

Friday, March 20, 2015

State and Local News

◆ KNOX PARK TO GET A NEW NAME

The Athens City Council has voted to change the name of Knox Park to Prof Powers Park, in honor of the former City Park School principal and former city council member and mayor. You may have noticed in recent weeks the park has been closed and many of the trees have been cut down. The city plans to refurbish the park with a new look and a new name. Knox Park was established in the late 1950's and was named after Bill Knox, who was the Athens fire chief at the time. Most don't realize that Athens had two fire chiefs named Bill Knox. The park was named for the first one.

◆ SAY GOODBYE TO MOOFEST

Barring some unexpected last-minute development, the National MooFest Dairy Festival in Downtown Athens will not be held this year. The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce agreed three years ago to sponsor MooFest for three years. That commitment is over. At this point, there is no sponsor for MooFest. MooFest started in Athens in May of 2008 as a replacement for the Dairy Month Festival. Richard and Elaine Newman were the original chairpersons of MooFest. The Chamber took over in 2011.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ The first monthly Cruise-In of 2015 sponsored by the Athens Travelers Car Club will be held tomorrow beginning at 4 p.m. in Downtown Athens. There will be cars and trucks, music, and refreshments. Jackson Street will be closed from Green Street to Madison Avenue from 4 p.m. until 10 p.m.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Police have released a recording of the 911 call that an expectant mother made after police say she had been stabbed and had her baby stolen by someone who lured her using a Craigslist ad for baby clothes. The victim was rushed to a nearby hospital and is expected to make a full recovery. The suspect, identified as Dynel Catrece Lane, was arrested after she and her husband arrived at the local hospital seven hours after the victim's 911 call with the dead child. They claimed that she had had a miscarriage.

◆ Another victim of the 9/11 attacks has been identified after re-testing of DNA reference samples from remains recovered during the initial recovery effort. Matthew David Yarnell, who was 26 at the time, is the 1,640th person to be identified. More than 1,000 of the 2,753 people reported missing in the aftermath of the attacks have still not been identified.

◆ Two men who were canoeing in the Passaic River in New Jersey came across a jacket located near a set of branches. They contacted police who investigated and found human remains. The body was identified as David Bird, 55 a *Wall Street Journal* reporter who had been missing since January, 2014.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Athens Area Council for the Arts presents KJ Denhart tonight at 7:30 p.m. at The Arts Center. Tickets are \$15 and \$8.
- ✓ McMinn County Trustee Phil Tuggle reminds taxpayers that all unpaid 2013 real and personal property taxes will be turned over to Chancery Court, as required by law, at the close of business on March 31. This will result in additional cost to the taxpayer.

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Athens, Tennessee

Church News and Events

- Trinity United Methodist Church will sponsor a Community Easter Candy Drop at the McMinn County Airport on Saturday, April 4, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Candy will be dropped from a helicopter. There will be games, crafts, and prizes in the aircraft hangar. To register to participate, call 745-4939.
- The Prom Shop will be open on Saturday, March 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Christ Community Church, 14 S. Congress Parkway, Athens. Formal wear is available at no cost for any girl or guy wishing to attend their prom. The Prom Shop is open to high school, home school, and 8th grade students.
- First Baptist Church Athens invites you an a special Easter musical drama, **Bow the Knee**, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 27, 28, and 29, at 7 p.m. The performance features actors, the choir, and the orchestra. Admission is free.
- Jerry Redmon, CEO of Second Life of Chattanooga will speak about the organization's new residential recovery program at 4 p.m. on March 26 at the McMinn-Meigs Baptist Association's office, 350 N. Congress Parkway, Athens.
- McMinn Car Care Ministry will offer free oil changes and a seminar on managing your money on Saturday, March 28, for single mothers, widows, the elderly, and those on a fixed income. Call 263-0160 by March 23 to apply.
- Cedar Springs United Methodist Church's Biannual Breakfast, Bake and Yard Sale will be Sat., March 28, 7 a.m. - Noon.

Obituaries

- **Kaiden Isaac Millsaps**, infant son of Travis and Mekeisha Millsaps of Decatur, died Tuesday one hour after being born. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday.
- **Trudy Sparks Rayburn** of Etowah died Wednesday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Etowah. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Earl Patterson**, 70, formerly of Athens, died last Sunday in Dallas, Texas. Funeral services will be Friday at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home in Dallas, Texas.
- **Margaret "Ann" Runyan Smith**, age 63, of Athens died Wednesday. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at McMinn Memory Gardens, with visitation from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday at Smith Funeral Home.
- **Anna Lou Slack**, age 87, of Englewood died Tuesday at the U.T. Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Friday at Serenity Funeral Home with visitation from 5-7:30 p.m. at Serenity.

MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

- ✓ The McMinn Senior Activity Center will hold its Spring Bazaar and Craft Show on Saturday, March 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. They will have a large variety of spring crafts and home decor, Easter baskets, and baked goods. Currently, 16 craft vendors are signed up. There is room for several more. If you are interested in having a craft booth, call Holly Currier at 745-6830.
- ✓ The annual Etowah Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 4, at 11 a.m. at the 7th Street Ball Field behind the Etowah City School. Registration begins at 10 a.m.

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TODAY IN HISTORY - MARCH 20

1852 - Harriet Beecher Stowe's anti-slavery novel, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was published. It became an instant success, selling 300,000 copies in its first year. It has been translated into twenty languages and performed as a play the world over. It was even spotlighted in the Broadway musical and film, "The King and I".

1865 - A plan by John Wilkes Booth to abduct President Abraham Lincoln was foiled when Lincoln changed plans and failed to appear at the Soldier's Home near Washington, D.C. Booth would later assassinate the President while Lincoln was attending a performance at Ford's Theatre in the nation's capital.

1937 - Singer-songwriter Jerry Reed was born.

1946 - Ranger Doug of the cowboy group "Riders in the Sky" was born.

1986 - The Dow Jones industrial average topped the 1800 mark for the first time in history.