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Monday, June 15, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

LOCAL & STATE NEWS

◆ ATHENS FARMERS MARKET GRAND OPENING

The Athens Farmers Market, in the Market Park Pavilion in downtown Athens, will have its official grand opening tomorrow, June 16th, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The first 50 people at the market will receive commemorative reusable shopping bags on a first come, first served basis and free hotdogs and drinks will be available for the first 100 visitors. The Athens Farmers Market will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 6 p.m. through October and on Saturday evenings at 5 p.m. during the Sounds of Summer concert series. In the photo is Lanie Murphy, the AFM manager. Lanie appeared on the WYXI RADIO Morning Sounds program last Friday.



◆ BIG TURN-OUT FOR MCHS 60'S REUNION

Over 300 MCHS graduates from the decade of the 1960's made a trek to the Springbrook Country Club in Niota this past Saturday. A special salute was given to the class of 1965; their 50th anniversary. (See photo to the right)



NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

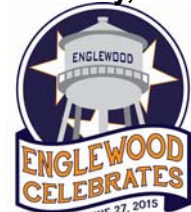
◆ The father of the suspected gunman who opened fire on Dallas police officers Saturday morning said his son had recently lost his home and custody of his child -- and he had placed the blame on police. The gunman purchased an armored car on the internet and dropped numerous pipe bombs around the Dallas police headquarters. The Dallas police building and several patrol cars were riddled with bullets from automatic firearms. The suspect was killed by a police sniper.

◆ A New York prison employee charged with aiding two convicted murderers in their escape from prison was supposed to meet the pair and drive them to an undisclosed wooded area about seven hours away. Instead, Joyce Mitchell checked into a nearby hospital complaining of a panic attack.

◆ Passengers aboard a United Airlines flight spent the night in an unheated military barracks in rural Canada after a maintenance issue forced their plane to be diverted. United Airlines flight 958 left Chicago on Friday night on its way to London when it was diverted to Goose Bay, Canada, a town in Newfoundland.

◆ The North Carolina Department of Transportation will be closing one lane of traffic in each direction on Interstate 40, just inside the N.C. state line by Wednesday. Crews will be building two extra lanes in each direction, which will not be finished until early July. The N.C. DOT says they will be removing loose rocks and make other repairs in the rock slide prone area. The project is expected to last until the end of October. Traffic is expected to be back-upped most of the time.

Saturday, June 27, 2015



Pancake Breakfast
7-10 a.m.
Tractor Show
9 a.m.

Emi Sunshine & the Rain 11 a.m.
Square Dance on Main 7:30 p.m.

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Monday, June 15, 2015

Morning Fax® ...Today's News This Morning

Athens, Tennessee

Ribbon Cutting at Traci's Place

The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon Cutting for a new member and retail business here in Athens. It's name is "Traci's Madison Avenue" and it's located at 513 West Madison Avenue, Athens. The store specializes in Home Decor, Antiques, and Collectibles. In the photo: (L-R) Front Row: Chamber Diplomat Kim York, Owners Scott and Traci Forrest, Chamber Chairman Shane Sewell, Chamber Diplomats Brianna Hanson and Joanne Arnett. Second Row: Madison Avenue Center owner Don Barnett, Chamber President/CEO Rob Preston, Bob and Linda Foster, parents and Cat Pate, Chamber Diplomat. (Photo by Cheri Harrison)



Obituaries

- **Juanita Belle Millsaps**, age 83, of Decatur, died Friday at Brookewood Nursing Center. She was an Honorary Member of Saddle Pals Riding Club. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Bowers Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday evening at Bowers Funeral Home.
- **Jack Blevins**, age 83, of Etowah, died last Wednesday, June 10th at his home. He was retired from the McMinn County Highway Department. He was a veteran of the Korean War and a recipient of the Purple Heart for being wounded in combat. Funeral services were held Saturday evening at Bordwine Funeral Home.
- **William "Bill" Wilburn**, age 74, of Knoxville, died Wednesday, May 27th. He grew up in McMinn County and had owned several restaurants and later worked in commercial real estate in Athens and Knoxville. He was a former Chairman of the McMinn County Election Commission and had served in the Army. A military memorial service will be held on Friday, June 19th, at 1:30 p.m. at the Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery located at 2200 E. Governor John Sevier Highway 168 in Knoxville.
- **April Dawn Lankford**, age 32, of Riceville, died Wednesday, June 10th at her home. The family will hold a private service to celebrate April's life at a later date. Serenity Funeral Home is in charge.
- **Marty Vincent Newberry**, age 61, of Etowah, died Saturday at his home. Graveside services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at New Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery. Serenity Funeral Home is in charge.
- **James W. "Joe" Crabtree**, age 86, of Athens, died Sunday at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs.
- **Alan Walker**, age 70, of Athens, died Sunday at his home. Funeral arrangement will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs.
- **Ted Collins**, age 68, of Athens, died Saturday at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

TODAY IN HISTORY - June 15

1520 - Pope Leo X told Martin Luther, a German monk, that he would be excommunicated from the Catholic Church unless he recanted 41 sentences from his controversial writings. Luther never backed down and was officially excommunicated from the Catholic Church on June 3, 1521 because he denied the supremacy of the pope and declared that church officials could make mistakes. He had also criticized the Catholic Church for their practice of selling indulgences as a means of pardoning sinners from part of the penalty for their sins.

1775 - George Washington was appointed commander-in-chief of the Continental Army.

1910 - Orchestra leader David Rose was born. His biggest hit records were "Holiday for Strings" and "The Stripper".

1937 - Country singer Waylon Jennings was born. His biggest records were "Luckenbach", "Texas" and "Mamas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up To Be Cowboys".

1969 - "Hee Haw" premiered on CBS-TV starring Roy Clark, Buck Owens, Grandpa Jones, and many others.

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