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Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ FOURTH OF JULY SAFETY TIPS

The 4th of July means picnics, barbecues, and fireworks displays. Every year, several people are injured across Tennessee by fireworks. Many of the victims are children under age 15. The Athens Fire Department has issued these tips for shooting fireworks safely:

1. Be aware that it is against the law to shoot fireworks in the City of Athens except for public fireworks displays conducted by professionals.
2. Never allow young children to handle fireworks.
3. Light fireworks outdoors in a clear area away from onlookers, houses, and flammable materials.
4. Light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance after lighting.
5. Never ignite fireworks in a container.
6. Do not try to re-light or handle malfunctioning fireworks.
7. Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in case of fire.

Athens police also have some safety tips for July 4th:

1. Do not drink and drive.
2. Use seatbelts and child restraint systems.
3. Obey traffic signs and signals and drive defensively.
4. Remember that speeding determines how serious a crash and injuries can be.
5. Beware of aggressive drivers and don't be one.
6. Failure to yield to other vehicles causes the largest number of crashes on our roadways.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ For the first time in over 40 years, people can take photos during White House tours and the White House is encouraging visitors to share their photos using the hashtag #whitehousetour. Visitors are allowed to snap photos on their phones and small cameras. Selfie sticks and video cameras are still prohibited.

◆ In the wake of Donald Trump's controversial comments about Mexican immigrants, Macy's department stores, which carried the billionaire presidential candidate's menswear collection, will no longer do so.

◆ Confirmation of new Ebola infections in Liberia have brought back fears that another outbreak could run rampant in the West African country. Experts caution that the government and aid organizations are far more prepared now to stop the spread of the deadly virus.

◆ A 68-year-old man was airlifted to a hospital after he was attacked by a six- to seven-foot shark Wednesday off the coast of Ocracoke Island in North Carolina. The victim was bitten on his left side in his lower leg and hip and on both his hands. The victim was conscious when he got into the helicopter.

◆ Stocks rebounded on Wednesday as investors remained hopeful of ongoing proposals in Greece to pay off billions in debt.

◆ The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 17,757.91 on Wednesday, up 138.40 from its open. The NASDAQ was up by 26.26 to finish the day at 5,013.12, and the S&P 500 was up by 14.31 to finish the session at a close of 2,077.42.

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Athens, Tennessee

TWC Names New VEEP

Dr. Kim Spiezio has joined the Tennessee Wesleyan College staff as the Vice President of Academic Affairs. Dr. Spiezio comes to TWC from Naples, Florida, where he most recently



served as the Executive Vice President and Provost of Hodges University. He joins the TWC faculty after the retirement of Dr. Suzanne Hine, who has served as Vice President of Academic Affairs for 10 years.

Dr. Spiezio says his goal is to work with TWC President Dr. Harley Knowles and the staff and leadership team to enhance the college's reputation as a regional center of academic excellence

and distinctiveness.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens City Schools will hold Pre-Registration Day for NEW students on Thursday, July 16, from 3 to 6 p.m. at Westside School. Registration for all NEW students will be held at one location. Required documents: Birth certificate, Social Security Card, Immunization record, and proof of residency. Income verification will be required for Pre K students only.

Obituaries

• **Doyle G. Hicks**, age 88 of Englewood, died Tuesday at Starr Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.

• **Lucille Newman White Wilson**, age 86 of Riceville, died Wednesday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. She was a former employee of Epperson Hospital, Riceville School, and NHC Healthcare of Athens. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5-7 p.m. Friday.

• **Carol Lynn Mannie Blackwelder**, age 54 of Athens, died Tuesday at her home. She was a native of Hamden, CT. She moved to Athens in 2007. A memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 3 to 4 p.m. Monday.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Boy Scout Troop 74 will hold their annual pancake breakfast on July 4th at the Etowah Depot from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. The cost is \$4.00 for all you can eat.

✓ The Adult Summer Reading program at the Etowah Carnegie Library begins with sign-ups next Monday, July 6th. Sign-up forms are available at the Library. The programs include one-on-one sessions for assistance with your tech needs, such as creating an e-mail account and learning Microsoft Word or Excel. You can learn to knit or crochet. You can also volunteer as a "library hero" by adopting a shelf. Your assignment will be to make sure the books on the shelf are in the correct order. Call 263-9475 for information.



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TODAY IN HISTORY - July 2

1776 - The Continental Congress formally approved a resolution which became the Declaration of Independence from Britain. It was signed two days later.

1815 - A British clown named J. Usher met a challenge and set sail on the River Thames in England. He rode in a wash tub drawn by four geese. By early afternoon, he had passed under four bridges and reached Cumberland Gardens, fulfilling his challenge and attracting a large crowd.

1908 - Thurgood Marshall, the first African-American Supreme Court justice, was born in Baltimore.

1932 - Democrats nominated New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt for president at their convention in Chicago.

1937 - Aviator Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan disappeared over the Pacific Ocean while attempting to make the first around-the-world flight at the equator.

1961 - Author Ernest Hemingway, 61, shot himself to death at his home in Ketchum, Idaho.