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Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

State and Local News

◆ STATE'S 1ST CONCRETE ROAD BUILT HERE

The first concrete highway in Tennessee was constructed in 1921 right here in McMinn County. It was a 14 mile stretch of road from Athens to the Hiwassee River in Calhoun. A short stretch of the original highway still stands. It is located north of the traffic light in Calhoun. The stone used to build the highway came from Tom Jones' rock crusher at what is now Knox Park. The crushed stone came from the quarry which is where the ducks now swim.



The stone was hauled by rail to the contractor's stockpile of stone, sand and cement located on a farm next to the railroad tracks near the Sanford community. (Photo by Mike Henderson)

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ The South Carolina Senate voted 37 to 3 on Monday to remove the Confederate battle flag from the statehouse lawn. This was the second of three readings in the Senate. Another vote is scheduled for Tuesday, then the matter will be sent to the State House of Representatives.

◆ Stocks opened lower on Monday, after voters in Greece voted overwhelmingly to reject the terms of the country's latest bailout. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 17,683.58, down 46.53. The NASDAQ was down by 17.27 to finish the day at 4,991.94, and the S&P 500 was also down by 8.02 to close at 2,068.76.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Parks Department reports that the official attendance inside the Athens Regional Park for last Saturday's Fireworks Celebration was 6,727. The Department estimates that when you include the parking areas outside of the park, the number of people viewing the fireworks was over 10,000.

✓ The McMinn County Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting this Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the Center for Education Excellence, #3 Hill Street, Athens. The public is welcome to attend. One item on the agenda is the school budget for 2015-2016.

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WHEN RADIO WAS

Old-time Radio Shows 6:05-7 pm Monday-Friday
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Tonight: **Burns & Allen and Escape**

WEATHER: Tuesday: Partly sunny. 30% rain & t'storms. Highs in the upper 80's. **Tuesday night:** Partly cloudy. 20% rain & t'storms. Lows around 70. **Wednesday:** Mostly sunny. 30% rain & t'storms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 80's to lower 90's. More Weather & Zoom Radar at: www.wyxi.com

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Athens, Tennessee

Boy, That Was Good Pie!

Megan Bowers just loves chocolate pie. Megan competed against nine other contestants in the Shoney's Pie Eating Contest at Athens Regional Park on July 4th. The contestants were given only one minute to eat as much chocolate pie as they could. It was a close contest, but Megan won the title. Megan is shown in the photo with Athens Parks Director Austin Fesmire.



Obituaries

- **Kathleen (Kat) Rowland Toomey**, age 87, of Athens, died last Saturday. She had worked for Bell South, Midland Ross, and was a school bus driver for the Athens City Schools and McMinn County Schools for 19 years. A celebration of her life will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- **James Charles Hairrell, Jr.**, age 86, of Athens, died Saturday at his home. He was a dairy farmer. There will be no formal visitation, and the family will have a private graveside service in McMinn Memory Gardens. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- **James Junior Webb**, age 87, of Madisonville, died Saturday at Sweetwater Hospital. He was a native of McMinn County and retired after 30 years at Athens Furniture Company. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- **James Glen Evans, Sr.**, age 74, of Athens, died Sunday at his home. He was a former employee of Coker Millwrights. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Michael A. Vaughn**, age 51, of Etowah, died Monday. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.
- **Violet Jo Thompson Cantrell**, age 90, of Athens, died Monday at her home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.

TODAY IN HISTORY-JULY 7

- 1865** - Four people were hanged in Washington, D.C., for conspiring with John Wilkes Booth to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln.
- 1898** - President William McKinley signed a joint resolution of Congress authorizing the annexation of Hawaii. Hawaii became the 50th state in 1959.
- 1916** - Country singer Red Sovine was born. His hit records include a duet with Webb Pierce, "Why Baby Why." He was also famous for his narrations including "Giddyup Go," "Phanton 309," "Teddy Bear," and "If Jesus Came To Your House." He had a heart attack while driving and died in 1980.
- 1927** - Country and bluegrass singer Charlie Louvin was born. He and his brother, Ira, had many hit records.
- 1937** - Japanese and Chinese troops clashed, beginning the struggle that led to World War Two in that part of the world.
- 1940** - Ringo Starr, singer and drummer with the Beatles, was born. His biggest hits as a solo artist were "Photograph" and "You're Sixteen."
- 1941** - U.S. forces took up positions in Iceland, Trinidad and British Guiana to forestall any Nazi invasion, even though the United States had not yet entered the Second World War.
- 1952** - The Republican National Convention, held in Chicago, nominated Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower for president and Sen. Richard Nixon for vice president.
- 1976** - President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford hosted a White House dinner for Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip.