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Thursday, June 9, 2016

Local & State News

◆ ATHENS RECEIVES MUNICIPAL LEAGUE AWARD

The City of Athens will be recognized with a 2016 Tennessee Municipal League Achievement Award for Excellence in Fire Safety. The award will be presented next Tuesday, June 14th, during the TML's annual conference in Gatlinburg. During the past year, the Athens Fire Department has improved its ISO rating and increased its community outreach efforts at schools, daycares, colleges, festivals, and senior centers. In 2015, the AFD logged 6,550 contact hours in the community. The Fire Department has also stepped up its use of e-mail, YouTube, and social media to reach out to residents.

◆ DAYCARE CENTER IMPROVES SAFETY

It's been a week since that tragic accident at the Kiddie Korner Daycare in Athens, where a 5-year-old boy was killed when a large television fell on him. The daycare's director, Bambi Lambert, says they've made a number of changes to make sure nothing like that ever happens again. She says everything that can be bolted down has been bolted, from small shelves to large shelves. She also says all older-style TV's have been removed. Kiddie Korner has a Three Star quality rating, which is the highest a center can get.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Federal Foundation announces it will award \$115,000 to area charitable organizations this year. Applications for the grants are available at any Athens Federal office, and must be turned in by August 8th.

NATIONAL & STATE NEWS

◆ Two F-16 Air National Guard fighter jet pilots are safe after their planes collided in mid-air Tuesday evening during routine night-flying operations. The pilots safely ejected from their single-seat planes at 9:15 p.m. over a military operating area in Jefferson County, Georgia.

◆ A 37-year-old Maui woman who authorities say drove her car off an oceanside cliff with her twin sister in the passenger seat is being charged with murder. Alexandria Duval was charged with "intentionally or knowingly" causing the death of her sister, Anastasia Duval, on May 29th.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ The McMinn County Election Commission will be setting the voting machines for the upcoming August 4th elections next Tuesday, June 14th, at 10 a.m. The voting machines will be inspected, tested, and sealed at that time. Anyone may attend the seeing of the machines.

✓ This year's Sounds of Summer concert series begins this Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Market Park Pavilion in Downtown Athens. The Dexter Thomas Band will be the headliner. Dreams of Kings will open.

✓ The first session of "Freezer Meal Fridays" will be held this Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. and from noon to 1 p.m. at the UT Extension Office-McMinn County. Participants will learn how to prepare baked Chicken Pesto Alfredo and Slow Cooker Ribs. The cost is \$5. Bring your own meat. Call 745-2852 to register.

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Friday - Sunny. Highs in the upper 80's to lower 90's.

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Athens, Tennessee

Just Color Me Pink

A "Color Fun Run" was held last Saturday at the Etowah Carnegie Library. The photo below shows some of the parents and children who took part in the run, which consisted of running, walking, jogging, or strolling while trying to avoid various colors of paint that were being thrown at them by spectators. The event began and ended at the library. The participants were splattered with several colors, including green and yellow. From the looks of the photo, though, it appears that pink was the color of preference. The Color Run was the kickoff for the Etowah Library's Summer Reading Program called "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!"

(Photo by Lara Crockett)



Obituaries

- **Charles "Charlie" Bond Ferguson, III**, age 60, of Etowah, died Tuesday at McMinn Memorial Nursing Home. He was one of the first members of the Tri County Center and was the first client to work in the community, showing that special needs adults can contribute to society. A Celebration of Life will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 19th, at Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah, with visitation from 1 to 3 p.m.
- **Robert Edward Harrison**, age 87, of Athens, died May 22nd. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. A private service and interment will be held at the National Cemetery in Knoxville.
- **Thelma Jean Mankin**, age 71, of Englewood, died Tuesday. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.
- **Billy L Morrow**, age 77, of Riceville, died Wednesday at Parkridge Medical Center in Chattanooga. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Athens.

Wednesday's Market Report: U.S. stocks climbed as oil continued to rally.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 66.77 at 18,005.05. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 6.99 at 2,119.12, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 12.89 at 4,974.64.

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