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Athens, Tennessee

Local and Area News

◆ FOUR QUALIFY FOR COUNCIL RACE SO FAR

With the deadline just four days away, four candidates have submitted petitions to qualify to run for the two seats coming up on the Athens City Council in November. Two incumbents have filed their petitions: Mayor Ann Davis and Councilman Chuck Burris. In addition, John Coker and Jordan Curtis have filed petitions. The McMinn County Election Commission says there are other petitions that have not been filed yet. Timothy Hughes has one of those petitions, and says he will be running. The qualifying deadline is 12 noon this Thursday, August 18th.

◆ WORKER INJURED AT WAUPACA PLANT

A contract worker at the Waupaca Foundry in Etowah is hospitalized in stable condition after being injured at the plant last Thursday night. Company officials would not release his name or say how he was injured. An investigation into the incident is underway.

◆ STATE INVESTIGATES VSO BANK ACCOUNT

An investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office found the former director of the McMinn County Veterans Service Office, Deborah Cox, had an unauthorized bank account that may have been used for personal gain. The report says Cox had the bank statements mailed to her home. She told investigators that she opened the account for the purpose of collection donations to be used for veterans' ceremonies and benefits. She said she did not realize it was against proper procedure.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Violence erupted in Milwaukee over the weekend after a police officer shot and killed a 23-year-old armed man.

◆ A police officer in Eastman, Georgia, was shot and killed Saturday night when he stopped to investigate a suspicious man walking in a residential area.

◆ Black Lives Matter plans to protest the annual candlelight vigil at Graceland in Memphis to mark the anniversary of Elvis Presley's death. The group is calling the protest "Operation Blue Suede Shoes."

◆ Swimmer Michael Phelps closed out his appearance in the Rio Olympics by adding a 23rd gold medal to his collection. Phelps insists he will retire after the Rio Olympics. If he does, he will finish his Olympic career with 28 medals overall.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ The guest tomorrow on "Chamber Chat," the weekly radio show produced by the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce, will be Ashley Miller, PA with Skin Cancer & Cosmetic Dermatology Center. Chamber Chat is broadcast immediately after the 8 a.m. news each Tuesday on WYXI Radio AM-1390 and on-line at: www.wyxi.com

✓ A new support group for spouses of veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder will meet tomorrow, August 16th, at 6 p.m. at Athens Lutheran Church.

✓ The Athens City Council holds its monthly meeting tomorrow, August 16th, at 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building. The public is invited to attend.

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July Home Sales in McMinn Co.

There were 41 sales of single family homes in McMinn County in July. Prices ranged from \$7,000 to \$410,000. Information provided by Tennessee Valley Appraisal Services, 746-0027. Some of the sales are listed below:

County Road 7, Calhoun -	\$410,000
Highway 39 West, Athens -	\$350,000
County Road 850, Etowah -	\$332,500
County Road 327, Niota -	\$307,500
County Road 148, Riceville -	\$265,850
County Road 135, Riceville-	\$239,000
County Road 53, Athens-	\$208,000
County Road 484, Englewood-	\$200,000
County Road 172, Athens-	\$170,000
Oxnard Street, Athens-	\$167,500
Northwestern Ave., Athens-	\$163,900
Sequoia Dr., Athens-	\$154,000
County Road 351, Sweetwater-	\$149,000
County Road 478, Englewood-	\$148,000
County Road 110, Athens-	\$134,000
County Road 79, Riceville-	\$122,000
County Road 550, Englewood-	\$115,000
Pennsylvania Ave., Etowah-	\$115,000

Music...Plus Ice Cream!

The Sounds of Summer Concert at Market Park in Downtown Athens this past Saturday night featured Calling Glory as the headliner and Nicole "Coley" Jones as the opening act. The concert was sponsored by state Representative John Forgy, who also gave away free homemade ice cream from a freezer contraption called "Hit and Miss." The photos below by Cheri Harrison show Nicole, Calling Glory, and Rep. Forgy and his ice cream maker.



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