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Thursday, June 20, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

Local & Area News

◆ ATHENS CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

The Athens City Council held its monthly meeting this past Tuesday evening. The council gave final approval by a vote of 4 to 1 to the City's budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The budget does not contain any tax or fee increases.

- Police Chief Cliff Couch reported there were 61 thefts in May, 12 assaults, six burglaries, six vehicle thefts, and one sex offense. Officers wrote citations for 164 moving violations. There were 98 traffic accidents with 20 injuries. Chief Couch reported that the police department is at full staff with no vacancies.
- Fire Chief Brandon Ainsworth reported that Athens firefighters responded to 70 calls in May. Losses totaled \$75,400.

The City Council proclaimed June as "Optimist International Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. In the photo to the right, Councilman John Coker presented the proclamation to Optimist Stanley Blair.



Community News You Can Use

✓ Former President George W. Bush will be in Athens this Saturday night to speak at the Athens Chamber of Commerce 13th Annual Benefit. The speech starts at 7 p.m. As of Wednesday afternoon, tickets were still available. Contact the Chamber at 745-0334. So far, tickets have been sold to people in 15 different states. And 3 people from China are flying to Athens to see Bush.

✓ Sally Ealy will host "History For Lunch" today, Thursday, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the McMinn Living Heritage Museum. She will share the history of the Keith Family and Keith Memorial United Methodist Church. There will be food trucks present or you can bring your own lunch. Admission is free to museum members and \$5 for non-members.

✓ The City of Etowah announces the rescheduled free musical concert featuring Reliance will be this Saturday, June 22nd, at 7 p.m. at the Historic L&N Depot Park Stage. This is the first in a series of two free concerts over the summer months sponsored by the City of Etowah. Bring your lawn chair and sit on the Depot lawn. Concessions will be sold by the Etowah 4th of July Committee with all proceeds going to the annual 4th of July Celebration.

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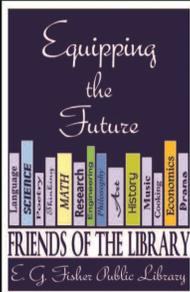
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 Friday, June 28 - 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Saturday, June 29 - 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Sunday, June 30 - Noon-3 p.m.

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Obituaries

♦ **Paul Edward Medlin**, age 73, of Cleveland, died Monday. He retired after 39 years of service with the Army National Guard. The Celebration of Paul's life will be held Friday at 7 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home in Cleveland with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. prior to the service.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Farmers Market will have it's 9th Season Celebration this Saturday, June 22 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, rain or shine! Healthier McMinn will be at the market with kids activities and farm bucks will be given away for youth under 18. There will also be a prize wheel for farmers market cash to be given away. The Parks and Recreation Department will have market bags and goodies to give out and a grand prize basket will be given to one lucky winner.

◆ McMinn County June Dairy Month Ambassador

✓ Madison Webb, the McMinn County June Dairy Month Ambassador is spending the entire month of June promoting dairy and its benefits. She has been to Englewood School Summer Camp, E.G. Fisher Library, Kid's Connection, Food City, Dairy Barn, and AgCentral Co-op. Be on the lookout for her and follow her on Facebook at [McMinn County June Dairy Month](#) Photo by Brooke Cass



Is It A Turkin or Chiurkey or What?



There is a three-year-old turkey hen living on the Brack Family Farm on County Road 182; nothing unusual about that. However, the turkey hen has a baby--a baby chicken! Jeremy Brack says he's not sure, but suspects one of the four hens on the farm may have laid an egg which the turkey saw. Brack says the turkey apparently decided to sit on the egg until it hatched. When it hatched, it turned out to be a baby chicken. The turkey decided to adopt it as her own and has been caring for it. Brack says he's not sure whether to call it a chicken, or a "turkin" or a "chiurkey." He says whatever it is, it is thriving with a turkey for a mother.

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TODAY IN HISTORY - JUNE 20th

1863 - West Virginia became the 35th state. It was originally part of Virginia, which had seceded from the Union during the Civil War. The western counties in Virginia supported the North and declared their independence from Virginia. Eventually, they became West Virginia.

1867 - The U.S. purchased the territory of Alaska from Russia for \$7 million, or about 2¢ per acre.

1924 - Certified Guitar Picker Chet Atkins was born.

1939 - W2XBS (later WCBS-TV) in New York City televised the first TV operetta. *Pirates of Penzance*, composed by Gilbert and Sullivan, was presented to a very small viewing audience. Television was a new, experimental medium at the time.

1945 - Singer Anne Murray was born in Canada. Her first big hit was "Snowbird."

1949 - Singer Lionel Richie was born. He was the lead singer of the Commodores before going solo. Among his hit records, "Say You, Say Me."

1977 - Oil began flowing through the 789-mile-long Alaska pipeline.