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Monday, June 24, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

“W” Wows the Crowd!

More than 2,000 people attended the 13th Athens Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Benefit Dinner this past Saturday night at McMinn County High School. The speaker was former President George W. Bush. Mr. Bush arrived in a black SUV. He came on stage around 7:30 p.m. He took a seat on stage and spent the next

hour answering questions from the moderator. The former president spoke about the importance of his Christian faith, which enabled him to stop drinking. He said he begins each day by reading from the Bible. He also talked about his love of painting, a talent he



discovered after leaving the White House. The photo shows Chamber President / CEO Rob Preston and President Bush.

(Photo by Bruce and Chris Hari)

Officer Hurt in Scuffle at Starr

An Athens police officer was injured while defending employees and patients at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. At approximately 8 a.m. last Friday, officers were dispatched to Starr Regional in reference to a mental health patient who was fighting with the Emergency Room staff. Officers immediately intervened to subdue the patient and prevent him from fleeing to the interior of the hospital. During the scuffle, Officer Randy Queen wrestled with the patient on the ground and suffered an injury to his leg. He saw the man was trying to run into the interior of the hospital. He shouted for the other officer on the scene, Beau Swafford, to deploy his Taser. Officer Swafford did, and was able to successfully subdue the man until other officers arrived and helped take him into custody. The man will face multiple charges, including simple assault, assaulting an officer, resisting arrest and evading arrest.

◆ LOCAL POWER RATES TO CLIMB IN JULY

Local electric power rates for July will be a bit higher compared to June based on higher generation fuel charges from TVA. The change in the rate will increase the bill of the average residential user of 1,200 kilowatt hours by \$2.50. AUB's Wayne Scarbrough says you can help ease the sticker shock of summertime cooling bills by bumping your thermostat to 75 degrees, using ceiling fans to help circulate the air, and checking all doors and windows to ensure they are completely closed at all times.

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WEATHER FORECAST
Monday - Strong t'storms in afternoon. High 83.
Monday night: Cloudy & Humid. Low 66.
Tuesday - 40% rain. Possible t'storms. High 86.
Tuesday night: Cloudy & Humid. Low 65.
More Weather at: wysi.com

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Obituaries

- ♦ **Barbara Rhea Case**, age 76, of Decatur, died Thursday. She worked as a teacher's aide in the Meigs County School System. Funeral services were held Sunday at Bowers Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Glenn F. Peery, Sr.**, age 85, of Etowah, died Saturday. He was a native of Blount County. A graveside funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Prospect Cemetery in Walland. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

◆ NO SPLASHPAD ON 1ST SUMMER WEEKEND

The new Splashpad at Athens Regional Park was closed for the first weekend of the Summer due to mechanical problems. Parks Director Austin Fesmire says the Splashpad has a manufacturing problem and the company is shipping a new part. It will be installed as quickly as possible.



Community News You Can Use

- ✓ Motorists are advised to watch for traffic flaggers on Ingleside Avenue from Monday, June 24th, through Friday, June 28th. Athens Utilities Board will be working on infrastructure upgrades near the E.G. Fisher Public Library. The work will take four to five days to complete and will require flaggers each day in the big curve near the library and Woodward Avenue. Traffic control and construction is planned to begin at 8:30 a.m. each morning. AUB crews will be replacing seven power poles and all the associated cross arms and hardware.
 - ✓ SoutheastBank will be doing a Shred Day this Friday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Athens location. Anyone can bring sensitive documents for shredding on the spot. There is no limit on the amount.
 - ✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library will have the following programs this week as part of their Summer Reading Program:
 - Tuesday at 1:45 p.m. - Chattanooga Zoo
 - Wednesday at 1:45 p.m. - Rock Painting
 - Thursday at 1:45 p.m. - Space Bingo
 Free lunch is served from 1 to 1:30 p.m. to children 18 and under.
- LISTENING REMINDER:** The guest on the Main Street Athens radio show, "Main Street Moments," this week will be Renee Fisher of White Street Market. You can hear the program each Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, FM 94.5 and AM 1390 or **[ONLINE](#)**

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Starting July 1, the County Clerk's Office will be closing on Saturdays.

We will have extended hours every Monday until 5:30. There are several ways to renew tags besides in the office: mail, on-line, and the kiosk at the Athens Food City. Having all the staff in the office M - F will help us to serve the community more efficiently. Also, our office hours will be more in-line with the other county offices. If you have any questions, please feel free to call our office at 423-745-4440.

The new hours are as follows:
Monday: 8:30-5:30
Tuesday - Friday: 8:30-4:00