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Friday, June 30, 2017

Athens • Etowah

Athens, Tennessee

STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ PERSONAL FIREWORKS-LEGAL OR NOT?

With the 4th of July holiday just around the corner, there's always the question of where it is legal to sell and/or shoot fireworks, and where it is not. Here are the rules:

Athens - It is ILLEGAL to sell or shoot fireworks inside the City of Athens.

McMinn County - It IS legal to sell and shoot fireworks in the county. Each year, fireworks stands are set up just outside the Athens City Limits.

Etowah - It IS legal to sell and shoot fireworks, but no shooting is allowed after 11 p.m.

Niota - It is ILLEGAL to sell or shoot fireworks in Niota.

Calhoun - It IS legal to sell fireworks, but ILLEGAL to shoot fireworks in Calhoun.

By definition, fireworks in Tennessee include sparklers, which can reach a temperature of 1,200 degree Fahrenheit and could start a fire or cause severe burns to children holding them.

National & World News

- ◆ President Trump's travel ban, which was mandated by executive order, partially went into effect Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m. ET. The Supreme Court allowed parts of the travel ban to go into effect. People seeking visas to travel to the United States from the six restricted countries will have to prove a "bona fide relationship" to someone in the U.S. The restricted countries are Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen. The Supreme Court will consider ruling on the issue again in October.
- ◆ The Pentagon stated on Thursday that only a few hundred ISIS fighters are left in the city of Mosul, and the liberation of Mosul is only "days" away.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Athens Municipal Building, Public Works, Recycle Center, and Animal Shelter will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th. The residential garbage route on Tuesday will be picked up on Thursday, July 6th. All other routes will be on the regular schedule.
- ✓ The Sounds of Summer concert at Market Park in Downtown Athens this Saturday at 7 p.m. will feature Kinslee Melhorn. Cole Sitzlar will open. The concert is free.
- ✓ Downtown Summer Nights in Decatur will be held on July 4th. The entertainers will be Dianne's Garage Band, Tyson Leamon, and Aunt Betty. The free concert starts at 6 p.m.
- ✓ The Etowah Senior Center will have a bake sale at Piggly-Wiggly today, June 30th, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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Church News and Events

- ~ Athens Lutheran Church will be hosting Community Movie Night tonight, June 30th, at 6:30 p.m. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Everyone is invited. The church is located at 710 Forrest Avenue, across from the library and Wetlands.
- \sim On Saturday, July 1st, the members of Star Bethel Baptist Church in Etowah will host the inaugural Faith, Family & Friends Picnic in Parkstown to celebrate Rev. James Parris Day from noon to 4 p.m. The picnic will feature free food, games, and music for the entire community to enjoy. The first Rev. James Parris Day was officially acknowledged in 2012.
- ~ Saint Paul's United Methodist Church in Etowah will have their next Community Harvest Share on Friday, July 7th, at 2:30 p.m. Because of the great turnout last time, they will strive to have even more free vegetables on July 7th.
- ~ You are invited to come and listen to Pam Weston of Knox-ville. She will be singing at Pope Avenue Baptist church on Pope Street in Athens on July 15th at 7 p.m.
- \sim Lane's Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church on County Road 264, Niota, will have its Annual Homecoming on July 2 $^{\rm nd}$. The 11 a.m. worship service will be conducted by the Pastor and the Lanes Chapel Choir. Lunch will be served immediately following the morning service. At 3 p.m. the guests will be Rev. Leander Blackman and the St. Peters Primitive Baptist Church from Alcoa.

Obituaries

- Carroll "Winston" Harris, age 77, of Chatsworth, GA and formerly of Athens, died Wednesday at a hospital in Chatsworth. He was a former employee of Pioneer Furniture. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Zeigler Funeral Home, with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Laura JoAnn Hubbard, age 79, of Decatur, died Wednesday at Life Care of Athens. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Saturday at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.
- David Edward Childers, age 51, of Apison, died Tuesday at his home. There will be no formal services at this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.
- Lisa Marie Chick, age 46, of Athens, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center. There will be no formal services as this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.
- Lawrence Svacina, age 82, of Sweetwater, died June 20th. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, an artist, and served on the board of the Sweetwater Valley Citizens for the Arts. At his wishes, there will be no formal services. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.
- Gerald William (Jerry) Carter, Sr., age 96, of the Cumberland Hills Community near Englewood, died Wednesday at his home. He started Trophy House and was a Veteran of WWII, Korean, and Vietnam Wars. A funeral service will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 12:30 to 1:30.
- Dela Mae Boring Goforth Womac, age 94, of Athens, died Wednesday at Life Care of Athens. She retired from American Uniform after 33 years of service. A graveside service will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in Short Creek Cemetery with Ziegler Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

