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**FRIENDLY CITY CO-ED SOFTBALL**

Sign up as a team or as a free agent! Registration ends June 3. Games will be on Tuesdays in June and July and played at Athens Regional Park.

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Friday, May 31, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

## Local & Area News

### ◆ HEARING FOR ETOWAH MURDER SUSPECT

The suspect in the rape and murder of 18-year-old Kelsey Burnette in Etowah in 2017 faces a court hearing this coming Monday. Joseph R. Wielzen was arrested in May on vandalism charges after he and a companion egged cars and a house while he was free on bond. Wielzen faces a bond revocation hearing before Criminal Court Judge Sandra Donaghy on Monday afternoon. Wielzen was arrested last June on charges of rape and murder in the death of Ms. Burnette, who disappeared while walking early on the morning of July 1st, 2017. Her body was found on July 4th, 2017. Wielzen was charged almost exactly a year later. His bond was originally set at \$200,000, but was reduced to \$30,000 last September and he bonded out of jail. He was ordered not to commit any new crimes or have contact with Ms. Burnette's family. If his bond is revoked on Monday, he could remain behind bars until the murder and rape case goes to trial.



### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Donations of books are being taken now, which will be sold in the Friends of the Library's annual book sale. Drop the books off at the E.G. Public Library. The sale will be June 27th-30th.

## Unemployment Drops in April

The unemployment rate was down in April in 94 of Tennessee's 95 counties. The rate dropped below 3% in several counties.

In the Athens area:

<b>McMinn County:</b>	<b>3.1% in April</b>	<b>3.7% in March</b>
<b>Meigs County:</b>	<b>3.6% in April</b>	<b>4.3% in March</b>
<b>Monroe County:</b>	<b>2.9% in April</b>	<b>3.5% in March</b>
<b>Polk County:</b>	<b>3.1% in April</b>	<b>3.9% in March</b>
<b>Bradley County:</b>	<b>2.8% in April</b>	<b>3.4% in March</b>

### ◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

- ✓ Heritage School at the McMinn Living Heritage Museum on Saturday will feature local historian, Dr. B. E. "Mullie" Lenoir with a presentation on the Athens Raid that took place during the Civil War. The event runs from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The program is free to museum members and \$5 for non-members.
- ✓ The Athens Soap Box Derby takes place Saturday on Keith Lane. Keith Lane will be closed from Prof Powers Lane to Cedar Springs Road, Crestway Drive will be closed from McMinn Ave. to Matlock Ave., and Gideon Street will be closed from Boaz Street to Keith Lane from 4 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
- ✓ Auditions for the Athens Community Theatre's production of *Disney's Frozen JR* will be held this Sunday at 3:30 p.m. and Monday at 6 p.m. at The Arts Center. A callback audition is Tuesday, June 4th, at 6 p.m. for those invited for a second audition.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;">   <p>Famous Chicken 'n Biscuits</p> </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p><b>FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (All Day)</b> Enjoy our "All You Can Eat" Salad &amp; Buffet Bar This Weekend! Dine In Only! No Other Discounts Fresh Homemade Rolls Made Everyday!! <b>1804 Decatur Pike 745-2626</b></p> <p><b>May Specials &gt;&gt;</b> 2 Chicken Biscuits \$5.00 • 3 Pc Supreme Combo \$4.99 • 8 Pc Tailgate or 12 Pc Supreme Tailgate w/ 4 Biscuits, 2 Sides &amp; 1/2 Gal Tea \$19.99 • 5 Meals for \$5 Ea • 32 oz Tea \$1</p> <p><b>IT'S BO TIME BOJANGLES S. Congress Parkway 744-5292</b></p> </div> </div>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Union McMinn Baptist Church</b> <b>Vacation Bible School</b> <b>June 2nd - 7th</b> <b>6:00 pm - 8:30 pm</b> <b>Supper served nightly</b> <b>I-75 Exit 56 423-568-2395</b></p> </div>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>McMinn Regional Humane Society</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;">  </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Old Fashioned Carnival</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>June 8   Prof Powers Park   10-4 pm</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">.25 game tickets, vendors, food, prizes!</p> <p>11 am: Small dog race, \$50 cash prize 12 pm: Litter scoop, wiggle butt, and dog trick contest 1 pm: Costume contest 2 pm: Demo with Starr Mountain Canine Training</p> </div> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOR A FREE SUBSCRIPTION TO The Morning Fax<sup>®</sup> CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW SUBSCRIBE</b></p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WEATHER FORECAST</b></p> <p><b>Friday</b> - Intervals of clouds &amp; sunshine. High 83. <b>Friday Night</b> - Clear to partly cloudy. Low 59. <b>Saturday</b> - Mostly sunny. High 84. <b>Saturday Night</b> - Clear to partly cloudy. Low 60. More Weather at: <a href="http://wysi.com">wysi.com</a></p> </div>



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**Obituaries**

- ♦ **Stacy Alane Bocock Alexander**, age 50, of Decatur, died at home on Wednesday. She was the mother of nine children. Stacy was diagnosed with cancer in 2012 and fought with faith, humor, and service to the Lord. The service celebrating Stacy's life will be Saturday at 1 p.m. at Mars Hill Presbyterian Church with a visitation on Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Justin Watkins**, age 32, of Niota, died Thursday at Parkwest Hospital in Knoxville. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Gerald "Jerry" Walter Waterbury**, age 84, died Sunday. He was an honorably discharged veteran after serving in the United States Navy. A memorial service will be held on June 26 at the St. Bridget Catholic Church in Dayton. A buffet will follow the service. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

**AUB CREWS UNTANGLE AMERICAN FLAG**

AUB crews took time out this week to untangle the American flag near I-75 from a nearby pole. A tip of the hat to Linemen David Rayl and Abe Aziz.



**Church News & Events**

- Union McMinn Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School June 2nd-7th from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Supper is served each night. The church is at I-75, Exit 56. Call 568-2395 for more information.
- Tyson Leamon will be singing in the morning service at 10:45 this Sunday at First Baptist Church Niota. The church's VBS kickoff will be July 13th, with VBSW from July 14th - 17th.
- St. Paul's UMC of Etowah will hold Harvest Share the first Sunday of each month. The next vegetable giveaway will be this coming Sunday from 3:30 to 4 p.m. at the St. Paul's pavilion.
- The Youth Choir from First Baptist Church in Dickson will be in concert at First Baptist Church of Etowah this Sunday at 6 p.m.
- Woodward Church of God is offering 7 weeks of their Parents Day Out program on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. beginning June 4th. Children ages one to those finishing 1st grade may attend. Call the church office at 745-1618.
- The Athens Lutheran Church will have its Annual Rummage Sale June 7th and 8th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. A food truck will be there from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The church is located at Forrest and Ingleside Ave.
- Mars Hill Church is offering Griefshare on Sundays at 2 p.m. For information, call Dick Pelley at 829-5052.
- Lakeside Baptist Church at 2418 State Highway 304 in Ten Mile has a food ministry each Monday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the church gym.



Bowers Funeral Home is now offering a complete funeral service starting at \$2895.00.\* Includes Metal Casket, visitation, and funeral service.

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**TODAY IN HISTORY - MAY 31<sup>st</sup>**

- 1819** - American poet Walt Whitman was born.
- 1889** - A disastrous flood hit Johnstown, Pennsylvania, killing 2,200 people.
- 1913** - The 17th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution went into effect, providing for the popular election of Senators.
- 1935** - An earthquake killed more than 50,000 people in India and Pakistan.
- 1930** - Actor Clint Eastwood was born.
- 1938** - Singer Peter Yarrow was born. He was a member of the folk group, Peter, Paul, and Mary. Their hit records included "Lemon Tree," "Blowin' In The Wind," and "Puff (The Magic Dragon)."
- 1945** - Football star Joe Namath was born.
- 1962** - Adolf Eichman was hanged by Israel for his part in the killing of six-million Jews by Nazi Germany during World War II.