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Three Members of The Nelons Family Gospel Group Dead in Wyoming Plane Crash



Three members of the gospel group The Nelons—Kelly Nelon Clark, her husband Jason Clark, and their daughter Amber Nelon Kistler—were killed in a plane crash near Recluse, Wyoming.

They were traveling to the Gaither Homecoming Cruise to Alaska. Also killed were Amber's husband Nathan Kistler, assistant Melodi Hodges, and the pilot Larry Haynie and his wife Melissa. The crash is under investigation, with initial reports suggesting an autopilot issue.

Kelly and Jason's other daughter, Autumn Nelon Streetman, was not on the plane and expressed gratitude for the support her family has received. Georgia Governor Brian Kemp and the Gospel Music Association (GMA) expressed condolences and remembered the contributions of the victims. The Nelons, inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 2016, have a long and celebrated history in Southern Gospel music, with numerous awards and nominations.

City of Athens Traffic Notices

The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following traffic notices:

Currently there is a yellow flashing caution light on Rocky Mount Road and a red flashing caution light on Dennis Street. Effective by the end of the day on WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2024 there will be STOP signs in place on eastbound and westbound Rocky Mount Road and northbound and southbound Dennis Street. The yellow flashing caution light on Rocky Mount Road will be placed on red flash. This will make the intersection a 4-WAY STOP.

Another intersection affected is HAMMERHILL ROAD AND TOWANDA TRAIL. Currently there is a STOP sign located on Towanda Trail. Effective by the end of the day on WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2024 there will be STOP signs in place on northbound and southbound Hammerhill Road. This will make the intersection a 3-WAY STOP.

Motorists are advised to watch for new signage in these areas and to use caution at these intersections. For more information, please contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.

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Wed. Night - Mostly Clear. 20% Chance of Showers. Low 75.
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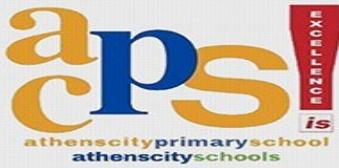
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Tuesday, July 30, 2024

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Athens, Tennessee

\$300,000 in Grants to be Awarded to Charitable Organizations

Athens Federal Foundation

The Athens Federal Foundation has announced it will award at least \$300,000 to IRS-qualifying charitable organizations in 2024. Grant applications are available

online from August 1-15, 2024, and can be submitted via email. The Foundation supports non-profits in Bradley, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, and Polk Counties, focusing on community development, affordable housing, job training, and programs for the economically disadvantaged. In 2023, it awarded \$272,300 to 33 organizations. The Foundation, established in 2009 with funds from Athens Bancshares Corporation, aims to grow its assets to support more local causes. Grant recipients will be announced in October, with funds distributed in the fourth quarter. For more information, visit their [website](#) or email athensfederalfoundation@gmail.com.

Obituaries

Mary Lou Giles Lankford, 87, of Niota, passed away, Monday, July 29 at her home. She was of the Baptist faith. There will be no formal visitation or service at this time. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is honored to serve the family of Mary Lou Giles Lankford.

Herbert "Herb" Leroy Burlingame, age 67, passed away on Thursday, July 25. Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later time. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Herbert "Herb" Burlingame.

Kenneth Edward "Kenny" Powers, age 67 of Ten Mile passed away, Saturday, July 27 at Parkwest Medical Center. Funeral Services will be Friday, August 2, 2024 in the chapel of Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with the Rev. Donnie Dalton officiating. Interment will follow at McMinn Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends from 11AM – 1PM prior to the service at the funeral home. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in Athens is in charge of the arrangements.

Charles "Junior" Martin, age 80 of Apex, NC, but Englewood born and raised, passed away on July 25th. A graveside service will be held Thursday, August 1 at 11:30 am at Mars Hill Cemetery in Englewood, TN. A luncheon will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Dixon Avenue Baptist Church immediately following the service. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in Athens is in charge of the arrangements.



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Athens, Tennessee

Will Carter Takes the Stage for Sounds of Summer



Friendly City Festivals announces the eighth concert in the 2024 Sounds of Summer concert series will showcase Will Carter.

The concert will be held at Market Pavilion on 106 South Jackson Street in downtown Athens, Tennessee starting at 7:00 p.m. this Friday, August 2nd. Concert goers are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs, blankets, family and friends for a toe tapping hand clapping night of entertainment. Food trucks for the evening will include Kona Ice, Magnolia Cookies, Mimi and Papa's Crepes and Freeze Dried Treats and Lobster Dogs.

Knoxville native Carter, often called the Six String Samurai, was influenced early-on by his father's love of Pink Floyd, The Allman Brothers and the urban sounds of the inner city. He's an in-demand session and touring guitarist in both Knoxville and Nashville but also plays a little banjo, piano and fiddle. He is regionally known as a multi-genre recording artist, songwriter, record producer as well as a vintage fashion and thrift store connoisseur and a true crowd pleaser.

The remaining series line up includes-
August 9th-Tim Hughes Quartet
August 16th-Trailer Hippies
August 23rd-Mendingwall
August 30th-The Dexter Thomas Band

This free to the public series is produced by Friendly City Festivals, a 501(c)3 subsidiary of Willsontropic, Inc. and is made possible by the financial support of: The City of Athens, McMinn County Tourism Board, Wolfenden Family Pharmacies, Dynasty Spas and Pools, TVA, Tennessee Overhill Association, Tennessee Arts Commission, Mayfield Dairy Farms, DENSO, Humana, VEC Customer Shares, Citizens National Bank of Sevier County, Valley Oil, Starr Regional Medical Center, Kona Ice, Pendleton's Playground, Simmons Bank, Simmons Wealth Management Group, WarrenJackson CPAs, and Athens Kiwanis Club. Special thanks to Integrity Sound Solutions and The Morning Fax, The Daily Post-Athenian, Athens Area Chamber of Commerce, The Arts Center and Main Street Athens for social media and advertising support.

Methodist Meeting

All Methodists and interested folks, join us for a casual get-together where you can meet others going through the same process of looking for a place to worship that follows scripture and obeys God's word as written. Just because the world is changing does not mean that your faith in God must.

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One Injured in Dollywood Flash Floods on Sunday



Dollywood experienced significant flooding on Sunday due to an unusual and heavy rainstorm over Pigeon Forge. Despite the severity, the park was able to reopen by Monday after an efficient cleanup effort. According to Pete Owens, Dollywood's vice president of marketing, maintenance crews repaired a section of the parking lot and cleaned the entire park within 12 hours overnight.

The storm was described as a "100-year flood," an event for which the local infrastructure was not prepared.

Only one minor injury was reported, but emergency crews, including police and fire departments, were on hand to assist guests safely. Owens noted that Dollywood's emergency operations plan was activated in response to the flooding.

What Day Is It?

Today In History - July 30

1863 - Automaker Henry Ford was born near Dearborn, Michigan. He started the Ford Motor Company and unveiled his masterpiece, the Model T, in 1908. He also introduced the conveyer-belt assembly line method of making cars which revolutionized manufacturing.

1898 - Kellogg invented Corn Flakes.

1909 - The first airplane was delivered to the U.S. War Department.

1921 - Insulin was first isolated as a pancreatic extract by the Canadian scientists Sir Frederick G. Banting and Charles H. Best.

1930 - Uruguay defeated Argentina to win the first World Cup in football.

1945 - The USS Indianapolis was sunk by a Japanese submarine shortly after delivering the internal components of the atomic bombs that were later dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki; some 900 men died, many of whom succumbed to shark attacks, dehydration, and salt poisoning as they awaited rescue.

1965 - U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson signed amendments to the Social Securities Act (1935) that established Medicare and Medicaid.



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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF CALLED MEETING
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all residents of Athens, Tennessee, and to all persons interested, that a called meeting of the Athens City Council will be held at the Athens Municipal Building (Burkett Witt Council Chambers) located at 815 North Jackson Street, Athens, Tennessee, commencing at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 1, 2024.

The purpose of this meeting is to:

1. Discuss the interviews of the 5 candidates for the position of City Manager.
2. Select the top two candidates for future interviews.
3. Discuss, authorize and approve any and all matters related to the hiring of a City Manager.

For more information, please contact the Office of the City Manager at (423) 744-2702.


Steven S. Sherlin, Mayor