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Thursday, July 20, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ COUNCIL VOTES TO HIRE CONSULTANT

The Athens City Council voted 4-1 Tuesday night to hire a consultant to take a look at the Athens City Schools and make a recommendation about whether to close two of the existing schools or make repairs to the current schools. Vice Mayor Dick Pelley cast the lone no vote. City Manager C. Seth Sumner says he expects the consultant will have a recommendation in about six months. In other action, the Council voted 4-1 to re-appoint banker Tom Hughes to the AUB Board.

The Council also got the monthly activity reports for June from the police and fire departments. Interim Police Chief Rob Davis reported there were 58 thefts in Athens in June, 15 assaults, 12 burglaries, four motor vehicle thefts, and three robberies. Officers issued 358 citations for moving violations. There were 77 traffic accidents in June, with 6 injuries. Davis also gave a breakdown on the 58 thefts. Of those, 21 were shoplifting, 14 were thefts from a building, seven were thefts from motor vehicles, six were thefts of vehicle parts or accessories, and one was a purse snatching.

Fire Chief Jim Dyer reported that Athens firefighters responded to 54 calls in June. Losses totaled \$778,000. The losses included \$525,000 from a day care center on Old Riceville Road and \$200,000 from a fire at DENSO. Firefighters responded to one commercial fire, one industrial fire, two residential fires, nine vehicle accidents, and 14 false alarms in June.

National - World News

◆ After watching the Senate GOP's efforts to repeal and replace Obamacare fail, President Donald Trump told Republican senators during a meeting on Wednesday, they "shouldn't leave town" until they "hammer" out a health care plan for him to sign.

◆ An arrest was made Wednesday in Alexandria, Virginia in an apparent road-rage shooting Wednesday morning, that left a woman hospitalized and the vehicle she was driving riddled with bullets.

◆ Jared Kushner, White House senior adviser, has agreed to appear before the Senate Intelligence Committee as part of its investigation into Russian election meddling on Monday, July 24.

ATHENS POLICE ISSUE U-TURN RULES

Athens Police reminds citizens that most U-Turns made in the city are a violation of Tennessee State Law and the Athens Municipal Code. The Drivers Manual states that drivers **MAY NOT** make a U-Turn at any of the following locations:

- At any intersection where a traffic light or police officer is controlling the traffic flow.
- At any location where you cannot see traffic coming from both directions for at least 500 feet in each direction.
- At any location where signs prohibit U-Turns.
- Between intersections in the city.
- On an Interstate Highway. The crossovers are for emergency vehicles and highway maintenance crews only.

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DENSO Celebrates 20th Anniversary

DENSO Manufacturing of Athens has been producing parts for the automotive industry for 20 years. A gathering of Local and State Dignitaries gathered at the Athens headquarters on Tuesday to help celebrate the milestone. Also attending were members from the Global DENSO headquarters in Japan and from their North American headquarters in Michigan as well as employees from the nearest DENSO plant in Maryville. Photo submitted to the MORNING FAX by Erin Holbrook.



Obituaries

♦ **Billie L. Thompson**, age 78, of Athens, died Wednesday at Life Care Center of Athens. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

♦ **Julie Marie West**, age 54, of Athens, died Friday, July 14th at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. A Celebration of Life will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Companion Funeral Home in Cleveland, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

♦ **Martha Jane Sewell**, age 72, died Tuesday. A memorial gathering will be held on Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. at her home located at 392 Oak Grove Road in Madisonville. Companion Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Dickie Hardin**, age 70, died July 4th at Park West Medical Center. He served in the U. S. Air Force and did tours of duty in Vietnam, Korea, and the Philippines. He was retired from Savannah River Pilots where he worked as a dispatcher for many years. A memorial service with military honors will be held Saturday, July 29th at 2 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home in Athens.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ Registration for the 2017 Senior Olympics is now open. The Southeast Tennessee District competition will be held Sept. 19th to October 2nd in Athens and Cleveland. Registration forms are available now at the McMinn Senior Activity Center.

✓ September Song will be the headliner at this Saturday evening's Sounds of Summer concert at Market Park Pavilion in Downtown Athens. The free concert starts at 7 p.m. The opening act will be Diane's Garage Band.

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TODAY IN HISTORY - July 20

1859 - American baseball fans had to pay an admission fee for the first time. Fifteen-thousand people paid 50¢ to see Brooklyn play New York.

1861 - The Congress of the Confederate States began holding sessions in Richmond, Va.

1919 - Sir Edmund Hillary, the New Zealand explorer, was born. He became the first man to conquer Mount Everest.

1944 - Adolf Hitler was only slightly wounded when a bomb planted by would-be assassins exploded at the German leader's Rastenburg headquarters.

1976 - America's Viking 1 robot spacecraft landed on Mars.

1993 - White House deputy counsel Vince Foster was found shot to death in a park near Washington, D.C., in an apparent suicide.

2007 - The Senate Judiciary Committee voted almost totally along party lines, 13-6, to approve Elena Kagan to be the Supreme Court's fourth female justice.