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Tuesday, August 29, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ TWO FATAL CRASHES IN THE AREA

There were two fatal traffic crashes in the Athens area early Monday morning.

In one of them, Brittany Johnson, 21, of Louisville, TN, was killed at 4:30 a.m. while traveling south on I-75 near mile marker 30. The THP says her vehicle ran off the right side of the road, struck a chain link fence and several trees, and then went airborne and landed on Hooper Gap Road. She was pronounced dead at the hospital.

In the other fatal accident, a passing motorist spotted a wreck on Highway 163 near County Road 960 in McMinn County Monday morning. When first responders arrived, they found a person inside the vehicle, deceased. They believe the 2007 Ford X3S wrecked several hours earlier and went undetected until after daylight. The victim was identified as Tab J. Cathey, age 54, of Calhoun. Trooper Nathan Hall's report stated that Cathey was traveling westbound on Highway 163 and made a left turn but left the roadway and struck and embankment and several trees.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Red Cross Shelter Training scheduled for tomorrow at Keith Memorial United Methodist Church in Athens has been cancelled due to Red Cross personnel being diverted to Texas to help with the flooding associated with Hurricane Harvey. The training will be rescheduled.

National & World News

◆ Texas Gov. Greg Abbott has activated the entire Texas National Guard, in response to the "epic and catastrophic" flooding left behind in the southeast part of the state from Hurricane Harvey. The total number of guardsmen available to the state is roughly 12,000. All of them will be used in support of recovery efforts in southeast Texas, according to Abbott.

◆ The Pentagon confirmed late Monday afternoon that North Korea fired a missile that flew over Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost main island around 5:57 PYT before landing in the Pacific Ocean. Japan's national public broadcasting organization, NHK, issued a warning to people across a large area of northern Japan to take precautions.

◆ The rain from Harvey is not only devastating Texas, it's also pounding Louisiana, and the state's governor, John Bel Edwards, is warning that "the worst is likely to come for us here."

◆ Amazon.com Inc. spent its first day as the owner of a brick-and-mortar grocery chain cutting prices at Whole Foods Market as much as 43 percent. Amazon paid \$13.7 billion for the company.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: US markets ended mixed for the day with healthcare, basic materials and technology as the top performing sectors. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 5 points to 21,808. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 1 point to 2,444, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 17 points to 6,283. The 30-year Treasury yield closed higher at 2.76% and the 10-year Treasury yield finished lower at 2.16%. In commodity markets, the spot price of gold rose \$20.10 to \$1,311.47.

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Tuesday - Cloudy. 20% rain. High 85.
Wednesday - 80% rain and t'storms. High 78.
Wed Night - 80% rain and t'storms. Low 66.
Thursday - 100% rain & t'storms. High 77.
 More Weather at: wysi.com

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Athens, Tennessee

Wiffle Ball Winners

The Athens Parks and Recreation Department held its annual Wiffle Ball Tournament this past Saturday. The Boys team won the tournament. The team members are shown in top photo left to right: Bryce Mason, Tyler Biddle, Ethan Starr, and Derrick Vestal. The bottom photo shows some Wiffle Ball action. (Photos by Karen Henninger)



Obituaries

♦ **Ronnie Duff**, age 72, of Englewood, died Sunday. He had been a truck driver. At his request, no visitation will be held. Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Sunrise Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Richard Davis**, age 46, of Athens, died last Friday at Starr Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home of Athens.

♦ **C.T. Ziegler**, age 95, of Athens, died Sunday at his residence. He served in the Marine Corps during World War II and with the 278th Regimental Combat Team during the Korean War. He practiced law in Athens for 50 years. He was the father of former Athens Police Chief Chuck Ziegler. The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The guest on The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce "Chamber Chat" radio show Tuesday will be attorney Andrew Bateman. You can hear the show at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, AM 1390 or FM 94.5 and [ONLINE](#).

✓ The United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties will have its Campaign Kickoff Luncheon on Thursday, September 7th, at noon at the McMinn Senior Center. The guest speaker will be Steve Milsaps, a colon cancer survivor who hiked the Appalachian Trail to raise awareness for colon cancer.



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TODAY IN HISTORY - AUGUST 29th

1930 - W.A. Spooner was born in England. He created such inverted expressions as "Which of you hissed the mystery class?" Such mixed-up expressions came to be known as "Spoonerisms." Comedian Archie Campbell did several routines using Spoonerisms, including "Beeping Sleauty."

1944 - American troops marched down the Champs Elysees in Paris as the French capital continued to celebrate its liberation from the Nazi Germany.

1957 - Sen. Strom Thurmond, D-S.C., ended the longest filibuster in Senate history after talking for 24 hours, 18 minutes against a civil rights bill.

1966 - The Beatles performed their last concert, at Candlestick Park in San Francisco.

1979 - Hurricane David claimed 1,100 lives and left 150,000 homeless as it swept through the Caribbean and the U.S. east coast.

2005 - Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans. The levees failed and 80% of the city was flooded. Over 1,800 people lost their lives and damage totaled \$81 billion.

2008 - Republican John McCain picked Alaska Governor Sarah Palin to be his vice-presidential running mate.