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Athens, Tennessee

STATE & LOCAL NEWS

National & World News

◆ SOCIAL MEDIA POST THREATENS SCHOOL

McMinn County Sheriff Joe Guy issued a statement Monday saying that McMinn Central High School was operating normally. Over the weekend, an anonymous social media post warned about school violence, and that caused concern among some parents. Sheriff Guy says the post was investigated by the school and the sheriff's office, and was found to be unsubstantiated. Sheriff Guy says there was no lockdown at Central and that the school operated normally.

◆ NEW ATHENS OFFICIALS TO BE NAMED

Before the week is over, we'll know who the new Athens Police Chief and Public Works Director will be. City Manager C. Seth Sumner will announce his appointments to fill those two positions at 4 p.m. this Thursday, September 14th, in the Athens Municipal Building Conference Room.

◆ FATAL WRECK NORTH OF NIOTA

An Athens man, 55-year old Daniel G. Almaraz, was killed about 1:45 a.m. Saturday on U.S. Highway 11 North of Niota at County Road 384. According to Trooper Bradley Baker's report, Almaraz crossed the center line and struck a motor home driven by David and Juda Walker of Lakeland, Florida, who were both injured. Almaraz died at the scene. His obituary is on page 2.

◆ Hurricane Irma, downgraded to a tropical storm, continues to batter the Southeast with torrential rain and dangerous storm surges. At least nine people are dead in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina.

◆ Royal Caribbean is sending cruise ships to the Caribbean to help with Hurricane Irma relief efforts and to transport those impacted by the devastating storm to safety. Ships from Royal Caribbean's fleet are being mobilized and filled with supplies to "help people in need."

◆ **Mondays Market Report:** The Dow Jones Industrial Average climbed 259.58 to finish at 22,057.37. The Nasdaq gained 72.07 to close at 6,432.26, and the S&P 500 was up 26.68 to close at 2,488.11

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Tennessee Wesleyan University chapter of Psi Chi International Honor Society will host a suicide awareness discussion from 6 to 8 p.m. today in Townsend Auditorium. Speakers include a man who lost two brothers to suicide and a TWU graduate who lost his father to suicide. The public is invited to attend. More Community News on Page 2.

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Wed Night - 80% rain. Low
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Thursday - Cloudy. 50% rain.
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Meet the Sugar Bean Sisters

The Gem Players open their 25th season with the comedy, *The Sugar Bean Sisters* this Friday, September 15th. The play will be presented on Sept. 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, and 30 at 7:30 p.m. and on Sept. 17, 24, and Oct. 1 at 2:30 p.m. at the Historic Gem Theater in Etowah. *The Sugar Bean Sisters* is a southern comedy of romance, murder, and alien abduction.

The Nettle sisters are determined to escape spinsterness and the swamp. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 10 to 12 years of age. The photo shows cast members, (from front, left to right: Elaine Baker, Deborah Richards & Jamie Cline. Tim Womac, and Dee Baker are in row 2.



Obituaries

♦ **James H. "Jim" Brown**, age 73, of Athens, died Monday at Sweetwater Nursing Center. Memorial services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at Ziegler.

♦ **Nancy Ray Wattenbarger Kennedy**, age 78, of Niota, and formerly of Sweetwater, died last Saturday. She was a retired nurse and a former state employee at the Monroe County Group Home. Funeral services will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Bierley-Hale Funeral Home in Madisonville; visitation is 5 to 8 p.m.

♦ **Retha Shankle**, age 80, of Etowah, died Sunday. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.

♦ **Walter Blakenship**, age 69, of Etowah, died Saturday. Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 4 to 6 p.m.

♦ **Daniel Garcia Almaraz**, age 55, of Athens died Saturday from injuries sustained in a car accident. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home of Athens.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens City Schools are having a parent-teacher conference after school each day this week.

✓ The guest on the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce "Chamber Chat" radio show today will be James Knox with Athens Barn Center. The show airs at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI RADIO AM 1390, FM 94.5 and online at wyxi.com.

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