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Friday, September 15, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

## State and Local News

### ◆ CLIFF COUCH IS NEW APD POLICE CHIEF

The new Athens police chief will be Cliff Couch. Athens City Manager C. Seth Sumner announced his choice to replace retired chief, Chuck Ziegler, at a news conference at Athens City Hall Thursday afternoon. Couch is a native of Tallahassee, Florida, and is currently serving as the police chief in Great Bend, Kansas. He has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Florida



State University. He will be sworn into office as Police Chief of Athens in October. Before announcing his choice, Sumner praised Captain Rob Davis, who served as Interim Chief.

Sumner announced that a resident of Athens, Ben Burchfield, is his choice to be Public Works Director. Burchfield came to Athens to work with Norfolk Southern Railway. He is a Civil Engineering graduate from the University of Alabama-Birmingham. He will assume his duties as Athens Public Works Director on October 2nd. Sumner praised Street Department Supervisor April Johnston for her service as the Interim Public Works Director since January. As City Manager, Sumner has the authority to appoint department heads, so his choices do not require approval by the Athens City Council.

## National & World News

◆ Investigators are awaiting autopsy results as they work to piece together details of what led to the killing of Laura Wallen, a pregnant Maryland high school teacher found dead nine days after being reported missing. Wallen's boyfriend, Tyler Tessier, was arrested and charged in her slaying.

◆ The death toll from Hurricane Irma continued to climb Thursday in the United States. At least 31 people have died in three states.

◆ One soldier is dead and seven more injured in a demolitions training mishap at a Fort Bragg, North Carolina, firing range. The injuries were caused by an explosion, and is under investigation.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Area Council for the Arts goes country with **The Cactus Blossoms** this Friday, September 15th, at The Arts Center on North White Street. **The Cactus Blossoms** is a brother duo that combines elements of early rock 'n' roll and classic country. The brothers have appeared as guests on Garrison Keillor's *A Prairie Home Companion* and Austin City Limits. Tickets to the Athens concert are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Student tickets are \$10. For information and tickets, call 745-8781.

**FOOTBALL:** The Cherokees travel to Heritage tonight...Central hosts Red Bank...Meigs County plays at Rockwood...and UT plays Florida in Gainesville Saturday at 3:30 p.m. It will be televised on CBS.



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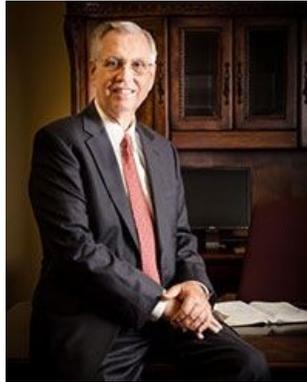
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## Church News and Events

~ The Fairview Baptist Church congregation honored their pastor, Dr. Jack Scallions, for 44 years of ministry at the church last Sunday, September 10th. Under his leadership, the church has grown to be a multi-faceted work including the Fairview Christian Academy and a 140-acre Christian camp that provides numerous opportunities for the youth of McMinn County and the surrounding areas. Under Dr. Scallions' leadership, the church is moving forward in the reconstruction of its campus after the destruction of its facilities by a tornado last November 30th.



~ Cambria Baptist Church is hosting an Old Time Camp meeting this week. Tonight at 7 p.m., there will be singing by the Skyway Boys and Day Family, with preaching by Frank Hicks. On Sunday at 11 a.m. there will be singing by the Strickland Singers and at 6 p.m. Journey Home will sing.

~ Heaven's Highway Trio will sing this Sunday at 6 p.m. at Glorybound Church, 446 Isbill Road, in Madisonville. Everyone is welcome.

## Obituaries

♦ **Edna Earl Morgan Banks**, age 63, of Riceville, died Wednesday at Sweetwater Hospital. There will be no formal visitation or service. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **L.G. Bucy**, age 86, of Athens, died Wednesday at Etowah Starr Regional Rehabilitation Center. He was owner of Southeastern Badger Sales, Inc., and sold and installed farm equipment in Tennessee and surrounding states. The family will receive friends Saturday from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home.

♦ **Betty Miller-Holloway**, age 84, of Athens, died Wednesday at Starr Regional in Athens. There will be no services locally at this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

♦ **Earl T. Malone**, age 76, of Decatur, died Wednesday. He was retired from Thomas and Betts. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Friday at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 9 p.m.

♦ **Bobby Don Sanford**, age 78, of Etowah, died Thursday. He served in the Army and retired from CSX Railroad. Funeral services will be Saturday at 7 p.m. at Bordwine Funeral with visitation at 5 p.m.

### ◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The 65th Annual Athens Kiwanis Club BBQ sale takes place today starting at 11 a.m. A one pound package of pork is \$12. The sale will take place at Belk Plaza and Market Park Pavilion.

✓ The Athens Travelers Car Club will have its monthly "Cruise -In" Saturday in Downtown Athens. Jackson Street will be closed from Green Street to Madison Avenue from 4 to 10 p.m.

✓ St. Mary's Fall Festival will be held Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30p.m. There will be ethnic foods and a silent auction.



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