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Today's News... This Morning

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Wednesday, September 20, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

## State & Local News

### ◆ ATHENS POLICE & FIRE REPORTS

The Athens Police and Fire Departments gave the City Council their reports on activity for the month of August at Tuesday night's Council meeting.

Interim Police Chief Rob Davis reported there were 60 thefts in Athens in August, 16 assaults, 14 burglaries, six motor vehicle thefts, two sex offenses, and one robbery. Police issued 353 citations for moving violations. So far this year, police have written 2889 tickets compared to 3848 for the same period last year. There were 75 traffic accidents in Athens in August, with one fatality and 13 injuries. There are currently seven vacancies on the Police Department.

Athens Fire Chief Jim Dyer reported that firefighters responded to 60 calls in August. One was to a business (Matlock Tire), seven were to vehicle accidents, four were to vehicle fires, and there were 19 false alarms. Losses for the month totaled \$20,500. All of the losses occurred at Matlock Tire--\$15,000 to the building and \$5,500 to a pickup truck inside the building. Chief Dyer reported that firefighters have responded to 454 calls through August of this year, compared to 388 calls through August of last year.

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## National & World News

◆ A huge sinkhole opened up in a city northwest of Orlando, Florida, Tuesday morning, damaging part of a home. The sinkhole is about 25 feet wide and around 15 feet deep. There are no reported injuries in connection to this sinkhole, as the family was able to get out of the house hours before it occurred.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce monthly Business Before Hours will be held Thursday, September 21st, at Springbrook Golf & Country Club from 8 to 9 a.m.

✓ The Riceville Fire Department's annual Benefit BBQ Dinner will be held this Saturday at the Riceville Fire Department, 3920 Highway 11 South, from 4 to 8 p.m. There will be BBQ, music by Crystal Elam, Greg Finch, Danny Pilkey, and Calvary's Blood. There will also be a bounce house for the kids.

✓ SETHRA will be distributing USDA commodities to eligible McMinn County residents on Thursday, September 21st from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. You must have a card in order to receive commodities on this day. You may call the McMinn SETHRA office at 745-8095 to register for the next distribution in October.

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**  
**SECOND ANNUAL CAR SHOW**  
 23 September 2017  
 From 0800 - 1500 - AWARDS by 1500  
 Location: 706 North Congress Pkwy., Athens TN  
 Breakfast & Lunch Available Beginning at 7:30 In The Dining Room

**WISE**  
 WOMEN INSPIRING SUCCESS & EXCELLENCE  
**Luncheon Seminar**  
 featuring guest speaker  
**DR. BEVERLY DAVENPORT, CHANCELLOR**  
 University of Tennessee, Knoxville



Thursday, October 5th  
 11:45 am - 1:15 pm  
 McMinn Senior Activity Center

Tickets: \$15 per person  
 Reserved tables of 6 available  
 423.745.0334

WISE is a program of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce

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**BOJANGLES South Congress Parkway 744-5292**

**ATHENS VFW HAMBURGER THURSDAY**  
 5-7 PM Hamburger & Fries \$5. **No membership necessary. Open to public. Family oriented dining room. 706 N. Congress Pkwy**

**Western Sizzlin' Steak House-1804 Decatur Pike**  
 Wednesday (11a-4p) Petite Sirloin + Side - Bakery - Dessert Bar & Rolls, \$6.69. **Monday-Friday- Senior Buffet (55+) Mon-Fri-2 to 4 p.m. \$5.99 745-2626**

•TODAY- ETOWAH - 10:45-1:00  
 •TOMORROW - LOUDON - 10:45-1:00  
 •FRIDAY - SWEETWATER 10:45-1:30  
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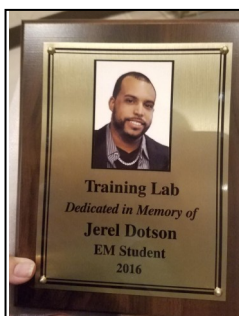
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## A Memorial to Jerel Dotson

The Tennessee College of Applied Technology in Athens recently established a memorial for one of its former students, Austin Jerel Dotson, by naming a training lab in his honor. Jerel was an electromechanical technology student and suddenly passed away from a massive heart attack last December 23rd. The memorial was sponsored by the Athens Downtown and Main Street organizations in respect to his mother, Lisa Dotson, who is the Director of Main Street. The photo shows Stewart Smith (TCAT Director), Robbie Parris (TCAT Instructor), Susana Dotson (Jerel's wife), Malachi and Christian Dotson (Jerel's sons) Lisa & Tyrone Dotson (Jerel's parents), and Patti Greek (DBA & Main Street representative). The memorial plaque is also shown.



## Obituaries

♦ **Jack David Ledbetter**, age 90, of Athens, died Tuesday at his residence. He retired from the Textile industry where he worked as a technician. He served in the Army during World War II. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

♦ **Dustin Lee Robinson**, age 24, of Sweetwater, died last Saturday. A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Companion Funeral Home of Athens, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m.

**TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** U.S. stocks continued to rise reaching record highs, and have risen in six of the past seven trading days. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 39 points to 22,371. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 3 points to 2,507, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 7 points to 6,461.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The McMinn/Meigs Ag Roundtable will meet Thursday at 7 a.m. at Shoney's. Jessie Campbell from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture will be the guest speaker. Breakfast is Dutch treat.

**CORRECTION:** In the item yesterday about the American Girl Doll Tea Party at the Living Heritage Museum this Saturday, the correct time for the Tea Party is 1 p.m., not 12 noon.

## CHRIST'S LEGACY ACADEMY PUMPKINTOWN 5K



October 14, 2017 Registration at 7:30 am - Race starts at 8  
Start/Finish Market Park

Boy's/Girl's & Men's/Women's Age Divisions  
10 & under/11-14/15-18/19-39/40 & over - 1st, 2nd & 3rd place medals in each  
For information call (423) 649-0040 or (423) 507-3435

# PUMPKINTOWN

Register online at [www.willsontropic.org/pumpkintown/](http://www.willsontropic.org/pumpkintown/)

## HOME SWEET HOME...



Dominion Senior Living of Athens  
Ribbon Cutting / Open House  
Friday, September 22, 2017  
1pm-6pm

