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Thursday, September 21, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

## STATE & LOCAL NEWS

### ◆ WACKER TO CLOSE FOR A FEW MONTHS

The Wacker chemical plant, where an explosion occurred two weeks ago today, will likely remain closed for several months. Wacker Polysilicon global president Tobias Brandis issued a news release on Wednesday saying the Charleston facility will not restart production until a thorough inspection is completed and it's certain the facility is safe. He says workers will support repair efforts and undergo advanced training courses. Wacker's investigation into the Sept. 7th explosion found that a technical defect prompted a hydrogen leak that caught fire. Damaged piping leaked chlorosilane, which created hydrogen chloride when it contacted moisture in the air. The explosion and chemical release briefly closed Interstate 75 and prompted shelter-in-place orders for nearby residents and schools.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ A new senior living center in Athens, Dominion Senior Living, is now open and has welcomed their first residents. Dominion will have a ribbon cutting on Friday, Sept. 22nd, at 1 p.m. to be followed by an Open House until 6 p.m. There will be hors d'oeuvres, ice cream, and music by the Tim Hughes Quartet. The facility is located at 2090 W. Madison Avenue. The public is invited to attend the ribbon cutting and Open House. Dominion Senior Living will be able to provide care for up to 84 residents.
- ✓ The Mayfield Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch will open this weekend beginning Saturday from 11am to 9pm and Sunday from 1pm to 7pm. All tickets are 35% off during opening weekend.

## National - World News

- ◆ Rescuers continue to dig through the rubble of a collapsed school in Mexico City a day after a 7.1 magnitude earthquake struck, killing more than 200 people.
- ◆ Two more men were arrested by the London Metropolitan police early Wednesday in connection with last week's bombing of a subway car in Parsons Green.
- ◆ Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is hoping to hold a vote on the Graham-Cassidy health care proposal next week. Republicans have until September 30 to vote on a health care bill under budget reconciliation that would allow them to pass a bill with a simple majority of 50 votes.
- ◆ All of Puerto Rico was without power by Wednesday afternoon, just hours after Hurricane Maria made landfall on the island as a Category 4 storm. Puerto Rico Office of Emergency Management Agency confirmed that 100 percent of the U.S. territory has lost power.

### ◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Etowah Area Senior Center will present a Harvest Dance with vocals by David Dockins this Friday. A Hot Dog Dinner goes from 6 to 7 p.m., and music begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the door for \$5.00.

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## Fun with Police and Firefighters

The Athens Police Department, along with the Athens Fire Department, held the annual Community Partnership Day this past Saturday at Market Park Pavilion. There was a climbing tower, an electronic skeet shoot, bounce houses, a wetting station to cool the kiddies off, fire trucks on display, a bicycle safety course, free bicycle helmets and free top firefighter helmets, and lots of food and ice cream. The photo shows the climbing tower.



(Staff Photo)

## Obituaries

♦ **Richard Craig "Pro" Lee**, age 55, of Charleston, died Monday. He was an active member in the Athens community, serving on the boards of Helping Hands Ministry, Tri-County, and the Kiwanis Club. He was a financial advisor for Edward Jones. Before joining Edward Jones, he was the golf pro at Springbrook Golf and Country Club for many years, where he became known to everyone as "Pro." There will be no public visitation. However, the family welcomes everyone to a graveside service Thursday at 1 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Gardens.



Immediately following the graveside service, there will be a Celebration of Life Memorial Service at 3 p.m. at the Springbrook Golf and Country Club in Niota. All are welcome to attend. The Jim Rush Funeral and Cremation Services North Ocoee Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Claude Wesley West, Sr.**, age 76, of Riceville, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and retired from Honeywell Corp. in Cleveland. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

♦ **Marsha Louann Harris Thomas**, age 63, of Riceville, died Wednesday at Erlanger. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

♦ **David Andrew Davis**, age 28, of Athens, died Tuesday. A funeral service will be Friday at 8 p.m. at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bordwine.

**HOME SWEET HOME...**



Dominion Senior Living of Athens  
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 Friday, September 22, 2017  
 1pm-6pm



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