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Monday, May 21, 2018

Athens, Tennessee

## Local & Area News

### ◆ IT WAS GRADUATION WEEKEND!

Most area high schools conducted graduation exercises for the Class of 2018 over the weekend. McMinn County High had their ceremonies on Saturday morning and McMinn Central had their graduation on Friday night. The Fairview Christian Academy held their graduation on Saturday night. Seven graduating seniors were recognized: Ashley Rogers, Corissa Sweatt, Sandy McElhaney, Andrew Ranck, Noah Cockrell, Connor Roberts and Hailey Beaty. The seniors are pictured below wearing their navy blue regalia. Also in the photo are members of the faculty and staff, including Dr. Jack Scallions, the founder of the school, on the right. (Photo submitted by Principal Greg Ranck)



## National & World News

◆ The Texas lieutenant governor Dan Patrick, speaking two days after 10 people were killed at Santa Fe High School in his state, said abortion, divorce and violent video games and movies show that "we have devalued life," which he pointed to as a cause of school shootings across the country. Patrick appeared on ABC's "This Week."

◆ Fred Guttenberg, whose 14-year-old daughter, Jaime, was among the 17 people killed in a school massacre earlier this year in Parkland, Florida, followed Patrick on ABC's "This Week." Guttenberg, who has become a gun control activist since his daughter's murder, slammed Patrick's remarks as the "most idiotic comments I've heard regarding gun safety."

### ◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The guest on "Chamber Chat," the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce's weekly radio program, will be Tim Hughes, Founder of the Sounds of Summer Concert Series. You can hear the show at 8:15 a.m. each Tuesday on WYXI Radio, AM-1390, FM-94.5, and here: [ONLINE](#).

✓ The City of Athens Public Works Department will close a section of parking Spaces on Washington Avenue from Long Street to Jackson Street from Monday May 21 at 9 p.m. until Wednesday May 23 at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the closure is for a corporate video production.

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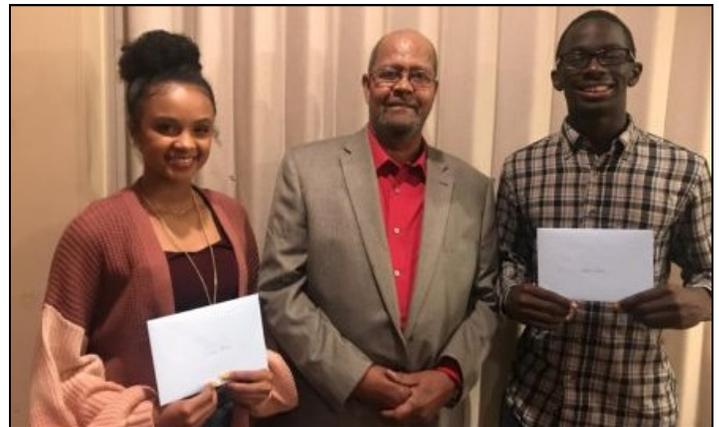
## Obituaries

- ♦ **Robert Lee Lovingood**, age 83, of Athens, died Friday at his home. He was retired from Athens Stove works and was a farmer. A celebration of his life was held Sunday evening at Companion Funeral Home in Athens. The interment and committal service will be Monday at 10 a.m. in the McMinn Memory Gardens.
- ♦ **Dee F. "Big Orange" Raper**, age 95, of Englewood, died Saturday at his residence. He was retired from Athens Products. A Masonic service will be Monday at 7 p.m. at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at Bordwine.
- ♦ **Raymond Lester Mull**, age 83, of Etowah, died Saturday at Starr Regional of Athens. He retired from General Motors with 32 years of service. A funeral service will be held Tuesday, at 7 p.m. at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Dorothy Mae (Dot) Moates Chastain**, age 90, died Saturday. She was a substitute teacher at Delano Grammar School and worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Delano and Benton retiring after 24 years of service. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Wetmore Baptist Church with visitation starting at 5 p.m. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**FRIDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** U.S. stocks ended the day mixed, with all sectors but telecom and utilities in positive territory. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 1 point to 24,715. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 7 points to 2,713, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 28 points to 7,354.

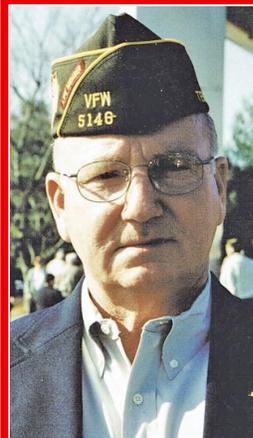
## Scholarships Awarded to CHS Students

Te'Ona Brown and Shariq Dodd are the recipients of E. Harper Johnson Memorial Scholarships sponsored by the J.L. Cook Heritage Foundation. Te'Ona plans to attend Tusculum College in Greenville, Tn and Shariq plans to attend Tennessee Wesleyan University in Athens. Te'Ona is the daughter of Kenisha Moss of Etowah and Shariq is the son of Sharita and Thomas Dodd of Etowah. Both graduated with honors Friday evening from McMinn Central. In the photo below (L-R) Te'Ona Brown, Stanley Blair (J. L. Cook Heritage Foundation Representative and Scholarship Coordinator), and Shariq Dodd. (Photo submitted by Ann Boyd)



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