

Monday, August 6, 2018

State & Local News

♦ SCHOOL BELLS ARE RINGING

It's back to school this week for most students in the Athens area. Here's the schedule:

Athens City: August 8th is the first day of school.

McMinn County: August 9th is the first full day of classes.

Etowah City: August 7th is the first day of school.

Meigs County: August 7th is the first day of school.

Christ's Legacy Academy: Aug. 7th is first full day of classes. Valley Christian Academy: Aug. 14th, early dismissal. August 16th is the first full day of classes.

Fairview Christian Academy: August 29th is first full day of classes, at the former American Bedding building on Dennis St.

◆ FIRE CHIEF ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE

We should find out soon who will be leading the Athens Fire Department. City Manager C. Seth Sumner has called a press conference for 4:30 p.m. today to make an announcement "in regard to the Athens fire chief." Sumner tells The Morning Fax he may name an interim chief or he may name the new chief. He told us on Friday that he has not yet made a decision on which he will name. The current fire chief, Jim Dyer, has resigned. His last day on the job will be this Friday, August 10th. Chief Dyer has accepted a job in the Knoxville area.

National & World News

◆ The U.S. Geological Survey first reported an earthquake in Maryville, TN, last Friday. Then it revised the report, saying the booming and shaking were a result of a rock quarry blast. Now, the USGS has issued another revision saying after further review it has determined it was an earthquake after all.

◆ In Aurora, Colorado, a case of mistaken identity left a man dead after protecting his family from an invader. Police heard gunshots coming from inside the house. Upon entering, they saw the body of the invader on the bathroom floor and assumed he was the victim. Then they saw the homeowner, Richard Black, 73, standing there with a gun and they opened fire, killing him.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Public Works Department says College Street will be closed permanently from Jackson Street to Long Street effective today, August 6th, at 7 a.m. That portion of College Street will no longer be open to motorists as a through street.

✓ The guest tomorrow on the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce weekly radio show, "Chamber Chat," will be Christy Miu with Creekside Yoga and Massage. You can hear Chamber Chat Tuesday's at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI RADIO FM 94.5 and AM-1390 or **ONLINE**.

✓ The PTSD Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Athens Lutheran Church. The next meeting will be tomorrow, August 7th.



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Obituaries

• Linda Faye Kennedy Burns, age 67, of Athens, died last Thursday at Life Care of Athens. Visitation was held last Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

• **Ruby Wright Lawson**, age 90, died Friday. She had retired from the Tennessee Valley Authority after many years as a secretary. A celebration of life service will be held Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens, with visitation from 4 to 6 p.m.

• UBER RIDING, AMISH SYLE

St. Joseph County, Michigan, is located in Amish country. The Amish do not drive motorized vehicles. But that's no problem for

Timothy Hochstedler. who operates an Uber ride-sharing service. Hochstedler's vehicle is a buggy, powered by a one "engine." horse The Amish do not use cell phones, so if you want to ride the Amish Uber buggy you flag him down. For \$5, Hochstedler will deliver you to



your destination. (Photo courtesy of newschannel9.com)

1st Beautification Award Presented

Main Street has presented its first monthly Beautification Award to Sweet and Sassy Boutique. The award will be presented monthly to a Downtown Athens business based on such things as façade improvements, general maintenance, landscaping, signage, and window displays. Pictured are: Stuart McKinney (The Trophy House), Sandy Moore (Keep McMinn Beautiful), Jona McKeehan Garrett (Main Street Design Committee Rep), Kelly Hockman, Connie Landers, Beth Landers Rollo, Abby Younce (Sweet & Sassy staff), Missy Ford (Main Street Design Committee chairperson), Lisa Arnwine Dotson (Main Street Director)



