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Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Athens, Tennessee

STATE & LOCAL NEWS

National & World News

◆ GEARING UP FOR CITY COUNCIL RACE

Three seats on the Athens City Council will be up for grabs in the November election and it appears there will be plenty of competition. Those three seats are currently occupied by Bo Perkinson, Dick Pelley, and Yvonne Raper. At this point, the following people have picked up petitions to run: Eddie Arnwine, Joseph T. (Tom) Holmes, Terri Jenkins, Mark Lockmiller, Dick Pelley, Bo Perkinson, Yvonne Raper, Frances Witt-McMahan, and Jason Pickel. Holmes and Pickel have already turned in their petitions. The deadline for submitting petitions is August 16th.

◆ JOBS & EXPANSION AT THOMAS & BETTS

Thomas & Betts in Athens will be expanding. Owner ABB says it will be adding 60,000 square feet to its operation in Athens and as many as 70 new jobs by the end of next year. Thomas and Betts manufactures electrical products.

◆ 3 ARRESTED IN ARMED ROBBERY

McMinn County deputies have arrested three people on charges of robbery. Sheriff Joe Guy says the victim, Jason Freeman, reported that a black car with three people in it had come to his residence and robbed him. He said one of the suspects fired a handgun at him, grazing him. Englewood police spotted a vehicle matching the description and stopped it. Charged in the incident were Colbin Seth Hancock, 22, of Athens; Joshua Paul King, 26, of Decatur; and Alicia Nicole Wooden, 24, of Calhoun.

◆ A double-murder suspect who had just been released from a Boston jail, was hiding in the freezer at Sarabeth's in Manhattan during the busy Sunday brunch rush. He walked out of the freezer and tried to attack employees with a knife when he collapsed on the kitchen floor. The suspect was transported to St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital where he was pronounced dead. None of the employees at the restaurant were harmed.

◆ The reward for information about missing Iowa college student Mollie Tibbetts is now \$260,000. Tibbetts disappeared on July 18 after going for a jog, and the search remains in full force

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library will give your youngsters an opportunity to make their own slime this Thursday, August 9th, at 4 p.m.
- ✓ The E.G. Fisher Public Library will give your teens a chance to make their voice heard. They are invited to join the Teen Advisory Group (TAG). TAG gives teens the opportunity to suggest books and movies for the library collection, create programs, and help shape the library to better serve teens. The group meets this Thursday, Aug. 9th, at 4:30 p.m.
- ✓ The Meigs County Fair opens today and runs through Saturday, August 11th. The gates open today at 5 p.m.

I want to *Thank You* the residents of McMinn County for honoring me with your vote. I appreciate the vote of confidence, and I am honored to continue working for you as the Register of Deeds.

Cheryl Ingram

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

- ♦ **Tavie Barnett Slack**, age 97, of Athens, died Sunday at Starr Regional Health and Rehabilitation. She was a Nurse Assistant at Woods Memorial Hospital for 17 years until her retirement. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- ♦ **James "Jim" William Weese**, age 75, of Decatur, died Sunday at his residence. He had worked at Shaw Industries as a towmotor driver. Funeral services will be at 12 noon Wednesday at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
- ♦ **Norman "Jack" Ray Bridwell**, age 69, of Athens, died Sunday at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Dexter Bales**, age 91, of Ten Mile, died Sunday at his home. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks edged higher even as trade rhetoric between the U.S. and China escalated. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 40 points or 0.2% to 25,502. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 10 points or 0.4% to 2,850. The NASDAQ Composite Index was up 48 points or 0.6% to 7,860.

◆ FROM BADGE TO BIBLE

After 36 years of service to the City of Athens, Police Officer Randy Hamilton has retired. He and his family will be moving to Ecuador where they will be serving as missionaries. A retirement



party was held last week. The photos show Officer Hamilton with his family and City Manager C. Seth Sumner congratulating Hamilton for his years of service.

New Fire Chief

◆ BRANDON AINSWORTH NEW FIRE CHIEF

In a ceremony held yesterday at the Athens Municipal Building, City Manager, C. Seth Sumner announced that Brandon Ainsworth will be the new Athens Fire Chief. Brandon has been an active firefighter since 2000. He is also the current chief of the Riceville Rural Fire Department. In the photo is Brandon's wife, Brittany, and their daughters, Kaylen, age 8 and Brandlynn, age 5. (Photo source: Brandon Ainsworth's Facebook page)



TODAY IN HISTORY - August 7th

1782 - The Order of the Purple Heart was established by George Washington to honor Americans wounded in the Revolutionary War.

1925 - Songwriter Felice Bryant was born. She and her husband, Boudleaux, wrote dozens of hit songs, including most of the Everly Brothers' hits and the song, "Rocky Top."

1928 - Singer Herb Reed was born. He was a member of the Platters, who had such hits as "My Prayer" and "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes."

1942 - U.S. Marines launched America's first offensive in the Pacific in World War II, as they landed on the island of Guadalcanal.

1942 - Singer B.J. Thomas was born. His hit records include "Raindrops Keep Falling," "Hooked On A Feeling," and "(Hey Won't You Play) Another Somebody Done Somebody Wrong Song."

1973 - Park ranger Roy Sullins was struck by lightning for the 5th time. As usual, he was not hurt.