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Wednesday, August 8, 2018

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

♦ LIGHTING UP THE INTERSTATE

Athens Utilities Board, in coordination with the City of Athens, will be lighting up the interstate exits with new LED fixtures. AUB is changing out all of the lights and associated equipment on the high-mast lighting poles and fixtures at exits 49 and 52. The old high-pressure sodium fixtures are being replaced with new LED fixtures. The new lights are brighter and safer.

♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Meigs County Fair continues in Decatur. At 6 p.m. today the pageants for Prettiest Baby, Little Miss, Fairest of the Fair, and Princess of the Fair will take place.
- ✓ Applications for the Leadership McMinn Class of 2018-2019 will be accepted through Friday, August 17th. Applications are available at the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce office in the basement of the McMinn County Courthouse.
- ✓ The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum will present "Lego Adventure" this Saturday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Youngsters can enjoy an afternoon of games and adventure while learning about the history of Legos. Snacks will be served. It's free to members and \$5 for non-members. Call 745-0329 to register.
- ✓ The guest on "Hope from the Well," the weekly radio program from Women at the Well this Thursday will be Russ Coffey, founder of Anchor Point Foundation. Hope from the Well is heard at 8:15 a.m. each Thursday on WYXI Radio FM 94.5, AM 1390 and ONLINE.

National & World News

- ♦ The record for the largest wildfire in California history is now the Mendocino Complex Fire which passed the Thomas Fire, from last December, to set the new mark for most acres burned. The Mendocino Complex Fire in Colusa and Lake counties, about two hours north of San Francisco, is now more than 290,600 acres and is only 34 percent contained.
- ♦ Five people have been charged in New York with trafficking in counterfeit Nike Air Jordans, sneakers that, if authentic, would have been worth \$73 million. The counterfeit sneakers look like real Air Jordans in design and color but lack the logos that are registered trademarks. The five individuals are alleged to have been a part of a large scale counterfeiting scheme, importing nearly a half million pairs of knock-off Nike sneakers.
- ◆ Pastors and community leaders in Chicago gathered on Tuesday to galvanize city residents to come together. Twelve people were killed and 54 others were injured in shootings over the past weekend.
- ♦ The former U.S. Marine who pleaded guilty to planning an ISIS-inspired terror attack in San Francisco last year has been sentenced to 15 years in prison. Everitt Aaron Jameson, 27, pled guilty to charges that he provided material support to ISIS and planned to carry out a Christmastime attack in San Francisco.
- ♦ According to Indonesian authorities and the U.S. Geological Survey, at least 91 people are dead and hundreds were injured when a magnitude 7.0 earthquake rocked Indonesia's island of Lombok on Sunday.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Wednesday - 70% rain & t'storms. High 88.

Wednesday night - 50% rain & t'storms. Low 71.

Thursday - 70% rain & t'storms. High 84.
Thursday Night- 50% rain & t'storms. Low 70.

More Weather at: wyxi.com

TODAY IN HISTORY - AUGUST 8TH

1815 - Napoleon Bonaparte set sail for St. Helena, in the South Atlantic, to spend the remainder of his days in exile. **1876** - Thomas Edison patented the mimeograph ma-

chine. The mimeograph worked by first creating a master which was placed on a large rotating drum. A strong smelling purple ink would then print out on paper. They were used a lot in school back in the 1950s and 1960s.

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1926 - Country singer Webb Pierce was born. His many hit records included "Slowly," "In The Jailhouse Now," and "Love, Love, Love." He was also famous for having a swimming pool shaped like a guitar.

1932 - Country singer Mel Tillis was born. His biggest hits were "Southern Rains" and "I Ain't Never."

1945 - President Harry S Truman signed the United Nations Charter.

1945 - The Soviet Union declared war against Japan during World War II.

1974 - President Richard Nixon went on nationwide TV to announce he was resigning in the face of an expected impeachment over the Watergate cover-up scandal. **2009** - Sonia Sotomayor was sworn in as the U.S. Supreme Court's first Hispanic and third female justice.



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Athens, Tennessee

OBITUARIES

- Othella Ruth Wynn, age 92, of Riceville, died Tuesday at her home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home of Athens.
- Colleen Newbery, of Etowah, died Monday at her residence. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah.
- Mary Louise Stokes, age 71, of Decatur, died Monday. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home of Athens.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Stocks were higher, and the S&P 500 has logged gains in each of the last four trading sessions. In corporate news, Stanley Black & Decker announced it has agreed to acquire International Equipment Solutions (IES) for \$690 million.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 127 points or 0.5% to 25,629. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 8 points or 0.3% to 2,859, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 24 points or 0.3% to 7,884.

In Bond Markets, the 30-year Treasury yield closed higher at 3.12% and the 10-year Treasury yield finished higher at 2.98%. In Commodity Markets, the spot price of gold rose \$3.24 to \$1,210.75, and the price of crude oil rose \$0.02 to \$69.03.

Welcoming Manpower

A ribbon cutting was held recently for new Athens business and Chamber of Commerce member, Manpower, located at 313 Decatur Pike. Pictured left to right, front row: Erica Peden (Chamber Diplomat), Kim York (Diplomat), Athens City Manager C. Seth Sumner, Shelby Sams (Manpower), Allison Barger (Manpower), Angela Evans (Manpower), Dana Ferguson (Diplomat), Karen Raby (Diplomat), Back row: Luke Shepherd (Diplomat), City Councilman Bo Perkinson, Lisa Harrison (Diplomat), Rob Preston (Chamber CEO/President)

(Photo by Cheri Harrison)





