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Thursday, September 27, 2018

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

HEAVY RAINS BRING FLOODING

Wednesday's heavy rains brought flooding to the Athens area. Highway 305 was closed for several hours where the road crosses a creek in a low spot east of Interstate 75. Meigs County called off school on Wednesday because of flooded roads. Athens Utilities Board reported several outages as a result of a tree down on County Road 265, a broken pole on County Road 244, and wires down on County Road 211 near Pond Hill. The photo from AUB shows crews working in a flooded area on County Road 211. The crew had to wade through the water to the utility pole in the background and then climb the pole to make repairs. Several motorists had to be rescued when their vehicles got stuck in high water. The rain forced the Senior Olympics at McMinn County High School on Wednesday to be postponed until next Tuesday.



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National & World News

As senators deal with new allegations against Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, Senate Judiciary Chairman Charles Grassley said he would go forward with today's hearing at which Kavanaugh and Christine Blasey Ford are scheduled to testify.

President Trump for the first time endorsed a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, saying on Wednesday that he thought it was the best option for peace.

Ridesharing company Lyft announced a new initiative Wednesday that encourages drivers to give up their vehicles for a month. Participants will receive credits for Lyft, bike shares, rental cars and public transportation, and must show proof of car ownership and agree to put their car keys in a lockbox for a month. The initiative is meant to promote the overall reduction of cars on the road. Some of the cities participating are Miami, Los Angeles, Boston, Denver, San Diego and Nashville.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

The McMinn County 4-H Chick Chain Show & Sale will be this Saturday at 10 a.m. at Ag Central Co-Op. Hens will be sold at auction in lots of three.

The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum will have its Quilt Show Award Ceremony this Saturday at 11 a.m.

A support group dealing with the loss of a loved one will be held on Tuesday, October 16th, at 7 p.m. at the Athens Nerve & Spine Institute, 620 N. Congress Parkway (beside the jet at the VFW). For information, call Larry Blankenship at 506-2059 or Dr. Lucille Dietrick at 746-4544.



SEPTEMBER 29TH

9AM-1PM

Fundraiser for American Cancer Society

Hosted by

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\$20 REGISTRATION FEE for a 2019 American Cancer Society Critters For A Cure Calendar! Top 12 Fundraising Critters will be featured on their own "Critter of the Month" page

FEE includes a bandana, gift bag & a t-shirt for the human!

Call Vicki Nichols (423-506-9137) or

the Wagg (423-649-0206) for more info!



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Senior Buffet: (55+) Monday-Friday
2-4 p.m. - \$6.79.



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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Dessie Mae Herrmann**, age 93, of Athens, died Sunday. Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 1 p.m. at Sherwood Chapel in Alcoa, with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks were mostly lower after the Federal Reserve increased rates as expected and maintained the outlook for one more rate hike in 2018. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 107 points or 0.4% to 26,385. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 9 points or 0.3% to 2,906, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 17 points or 0.2% to 7,990

◆ CLOSINGS AND CANCELLATIONS

- ♦ McMinn County Schools will be closed on Thursday.
- ♦ The McMinn Senior Activity Center will be closed Thursday for all normal activities. There will be no lunch. The Senior Olympics Games of Men's Billiards, Rook Tournament, and Ladies Billiards scheduled at the McMinn Senior Center will be rescheduled.
- ♦ The following off-site Senior Olympics will continue on a regular basis: All Pickleball Games at the Cleveland YMCA; all swimming events at the Athens YMCA; and Bowling Doubles for Ages 65+ at 1 p.m. and Ages 50-64 at 6 p.m. at Athens Classic Lanes. The Lee University Badminton Tournament has been rescheduled for Thursday, October 4th at Lee University.

State's Violent Crime Rate Climbs

Tennessee's violent crime rate continues to rise and is outpacing the national rate. In its latest "Crime In the United States 2017" report issued this week, the FBI said nationally the violent crime rate decreased, but in Tennessee it went up. According to the FBI, Tennessee had a crime rate of 651.5 incidents per 100,000 persons, well above the national rate of 394 per 100,000. The totals also reflect a continued growth compared to 2016, where Tennessee had a rate of 638.5 incidents per 100,000 persons. The report shows Tennesseans were more likely to be victims of violent crimes at the hands of a stranger, with 19,698 victims of violent crimes reporting not knowing the offender. In addition, violent crimes were more likely to take place at a residence than any other place. In 2017, 53% of the victims of violent crimes in Tennessee were white and 45% were black. As for the offenders, 56% were black or African American while 37% were white. Homicides in Tennessee saw a slight increase in 2017 with 7.8 per 100,000 versus 7.4 per 100,000 the previous year. The highest rates of violent crimes in 2017 were aggravated assaults, with 482.9 per 100,000 people. That was up from 2016's rate of 471.2 per 100,000. As for the age of victims, the FBI report shows that 29% of violent crime victims in Tennessee last year were between 20 and 29, while 30% of the offenders were in the same age group.

PUMPKINTOWN

15th Annual Festival featuring History, Heritage and 4-Legged Friends



October 13 10-5 Market Park in Athens

MRHS Adoptathon 10-2/ Register for Costume Contest 10:30
Contest Winners announced 12:15 & Mutt Strutt Parade begins!



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