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Athens, Tennessee

## Tuesday, October 2, 2018

# State & Local News

### ♦ ATHENS FEDERAL-CAPSTAR FINALIZE MERGER

CapStar Bank and Athens Federal Community Bank have finalized their merger. The two companies will join together under the CapStar banner. The CEO of Nashville-based CapStar is Claire Tucker, a graduate of Tennessee Wesleyan. Jeff Cunningham, President and CEO of Athens Federal, says CapStar is a great company and is committed to providing great customer service. Cunningham says CapStar will leave in place the Athens Federal employees. Tucker says she is pleased to welcome Athens Federal customers and employees to CapStar. The merger with Athens Federal adds eight branches in Southeast Tennessee to CapStar.

### ♦ NATIONWIDE EAS/WEA TEST ON OCT. 3

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will conduct a nationwide test of Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) and the Emergency Alert System (EAS) this Wednesday, October 3rd. The WEA test will be sent out to cell phones at 2:18 p.m. and the EAS test will originate on radio and television stations at 2:20 p.m. The tests were originally planned for September 20th, but were rescheduled due to Hurricane Florence.

### COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The W.I.S.E. (Women Inspiring Success & Excellence) Women's Fall Luncheon will be Wednesday, October 17th, at 11:45 a.m. at the McMinn Senior Activity Center. The speaker will be Sarah Philpott, PhD, farm mom and farm wife at Philpott Farms and an author. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce.

# National & World News

• President Trump awarded the Medal of Honor to Ronald J. Shurer on Monday, an Army medic credited with saving the lives of his teammates during a 2008 battle in Afghanistan.

◆ A 2-year-old boy is among the three dead after a mysterious car explosion this weekend in Allentown, Pennsylvania. One of the adults is suspected to have triggered the explosion. Authorities say that it could be anything from an accident to an explosive device.

◆ President Trump celebrated the United States Mexico Canada Agreement, or USMCA, a new trade agreement that is poised to replace the North American Free Trade Agreement, or NAFTA.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The McMinn County Household Hazardous Waste Event will be held this Saturday, October 6th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the McMinn High School parking lot. Acceptable items include herbicides, pesticides, paint thinner, drain cleaners, polish, disinfectants, starter fluid, and pool chemicals. In addition, the Athens Recycle Center will be accepting oil based paint this Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

### ◆ FORMER ATHENIAN IS THE BEST

Dr. Lisa Hunter Segar has been chosen again as the Best of the Best among chiropractors in Chattanooga. This is the second year she has been selected. Dr. Segar grew up in Athens, and is a graduate of McMinn High School. She is the daughter of Harold and Mary Hunter of Athens. Dr. Segar lives in Ooltewah. (Submitted photo)







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# **Obituaries**

• Michael B. Roderick, age 43, of Athens, died Friday at Starr Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

• **Billie Sue McKenzie**, age 81, of Decatur, died last Thursday at her home. She taught school at Cedar Valley/Meigs South Elementary School for 33 years. A celebration of life will be held at Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church at 6 p.m. Tuesday, with visitation from 3 to 6 p.m. at the church. Companion Funeral Home is in charge.

**MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** Stocks recorded solid gains as the U.S. and Canada reached a trade deal to replace NAFTA. In economic news, September's ISM Purchasing Managers' Index came in marginally below expectations, but the level of the index still remains near cyclical highs. Treasury yields were higher, pushing bond prices lower.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 193 points or 0.7% to 26,651. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 11 points or 0.4% to 2,925, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 9 points or 0.1% to 8,037.

In Commodity Markets: The spot price of gold fell \$3.13 to \$1,189.38, and the price of crude oil rose \$2.31 to \$75.56.

## Leadership McMinn is Off & Running

Leadership McMinn has just kicked off another year by partnering with Frank Davis of Helping Hands Ministry for their service project. The class spent the day hanging vinyl siding for a family in need of help. Pictured, back row: Andrea Norton, Lori Wilson, Holly Goines, Julie Mayfield, DeLunda Maddux, Ashleigh Kirby, Gina Sowders, Andrew Bateman, Chuck Liner, & Eric Morrow. Front row: Tara Crisp, Ashton Robinson, Frank Davis, Kim York, Carol Schroeder, Kimberly Slaughter, Jennifer Pennell-Aslinger, James Gallop, & Rob Preston (Athens Chamber President/CEO).

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