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Thursday, June 22, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

## STATE & LOCAL NEWS

### ◆ ATHENS CITY COUNCIL PASSES BUDGET

It was a busy Tuesday night for the Athens City Council. The Council passed a balanced budget that does not contain any tax increase. The vote was unanimous. The Council also presented the VIVID (Very Important Volunteer Individual) Award to Athens City Middle School for it's Annual Day of Caring. A distinguished service award was presented to postal worker Zack Walker for helping to save a family from flood waters in May.

Interim Police Chief Rob Davis reported there were 74 thefts in Athens in May, 18 assaults, 12 burglaries, and 8 motor vehicle thefts. Officers issued 394 citations for moving violations. There were 68 traffic accidents in the city in May, with 11 injuries. Davis says there are three vacancies on the police force.

Athens Fire Chief Jim Dyer reported that firefighters responded to 44 calls during May. One was to an industrial fire, one was a vehicle fire, five were calls to vehicle accidents, and there were 11 false alarms. Losses for the month totaled \$751,000. Of that amount, \$750,000 in damage was done by an electrical fire at the H.P. Pelzer plant at 115 Industrial Way on May 21st.

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## National - World News

◆ Republican Karen Handel will make history as Georgia's first female GOP Congressman. Handel won a special congressional election on Tuesday to replace the vacated seat of Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price.

◆ House Majority Whip Steve Scalise's condition has been upgraded to fair, a week after he was shot while participating in a practice with members of the Republican congressional baseball team.

### FIRE DESTROYS "LITTLE CHILDREN" BUILDING

A big fire early Wednesday morning destroyed the building that formerly housed Little Children of the World on Old Mecca Pike. When firefighters arrived, they expected to find an abandoned, or at least, vacant, building. Instead, they discovered that two families were living in the old building. Firefighters from the

Etowah Rural, Englewood Rural, Athens Rural, Claxton Rural, and Etowah City fire departments responded, along with volunteers from Polk County. Photo courtesy of Chief Frost & Wayne Runkles.



**Athens Lutheran Church  
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Athens, Tennessee

## TWU & Dominion Partnering

Dominion Senior Living of Athens is partnering with Tennessee Wesleyan University in a new internship program. The first intern will be Bellansira Horusenga. She will start training on June 26th and will have to complete a total of 400 hours to receive credit. Bella is currently a senior at TWU and will graduate in December with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Human Performance. Initially, she was studying to become a nurse, but changed her major because the health professional background provides more diverse areas to study. Bella says she has always had a passion for helping others and wants to make a career out of it. She is from Africa and says that as her parents get older she will want to take care of them. When she heard Dominion Senior Living of Athens was looking for an intern, she jumped at the opportunity to learn how to work at a senior living community. Her duties will include shadowing the directors on a day-to-day basis and preparing to welcome residents this summer when the facility opens its doors.



## Obituaries

- ♦ **Willa Dean Burton Thompson**, age 75, of Athens, died Wednesday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Hazel Verline Ford Dannel**, age 91, of Decatur, died Tuesday at Life Care of Athens. She served with the Meigs County Department of Human Services for over 40 years. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from 2 to 4 p.m.
- ♦ **Sammy Gene Vincent**, age 76, of Decatur, died Wednesday at U.T. Medical Center of Knoxville. He was retired from Volunteer Electric Cooperative after 32 years. A Masonic service will be held Friday at 7 p.m. at Walnut Grove Baptist Church with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Ziegler Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Clarence Ray Lankford**, age 73, of Decatur, died Wednesday at his son's home in Niota. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home of Athens.

### ♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

- ✓ The American Legion will have its monthly fish fry this Friday from 5 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. at Mars Hill Presbyterian Church, 205 N. Jackson St., Athens. All you can eat for \$9.00.
- ✓ The Tennessee Highway Patrol will be conducting a driver license roadside safety checkpoint Friday, June 23rd, at Highway 305 and County Road 218. The checkpoint is dependent on manpower availability and weather conditions.

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