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Friday, August 4, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

State and Local News

◆ TRUCK DRIVER DIES IN HIGHWAY 305 CRASH

The driver of a truck was killed Thursday morning in a wreck on Highway 305 between the two County Road 218 crossings. The THP says a trailer came loose from one truck and smashed into the second truck, killing the driver and causing the truck to overturn in nearby woods. The first truck kept going, but Meigs County officers located the driver and he was arrested. Highway 305 was closed until after 3 p.m.

◆ "KING'S CROSSING" TO BE DEDICATED

The family of the late Alana "Jade" King and the City of Athens will be dedicating the new railroad crossing on Howard Street off Cook Drive Saturday at 12 noon. The community is encouraged to attend the ceremony.

◆ MORE SCHOOLS TO CLOSE FOR ECLIPSE

The Etowah City School has joined the McMinn County Schools in announcing they will be closed on August 21st. Etowah will actually start classes that day, but will dismiss at 10 a.m. Both the Athens City Schools and the Meigs County Schools will be OPEN. (By the way, the eclipse glasses to be given out by E.G. Fisher Library were provided by Choate Printing of Etowah. Etowah Carnegie Library purchased their glasses on the internet.)

National & World News

◆ The Federal Communications Commission has proposed a fine of more than \$82 million against a North Carolina man, Philip Roesel, and his insurance company, Best Insurance Contracts, doing business as Wilmington Insurance Quotes. The FCC says the company made more than 21 million illegal robocalls nationwide and was displaying inaccurate caller ID information in an effort to sell health insurance.

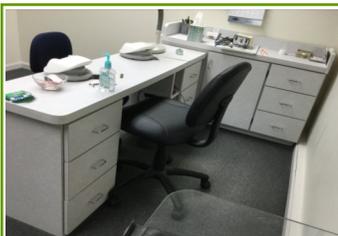
◆ Michelle Carter, who as a teenager, sent texts urging her then boyfriend to commit suicide, was sentenced on Thursday to 2.5 years in prison for involuntary manslaughter.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Medic Regional Blood Center Medic Mobile will be at the Niota Fire Department and City of Niota today from noon to 6 p.m. for those who would be willing to donate a pint of blood.

✓ Sounds of Summer Saturday night will feature Hot Nights, Cool Jazz with Kelle Jolly & Will Boyd. The opening acts are the Tim Hughes Quartet and Robin Grant & The Standard.

CORRECTION: On Wednesday we published a "Back to School Schedule" with incorrect information. McMinn County Schools will have registration and the first day of classes on August 8th (dismissing at 10:30 a.m.). Etowah City School will register and hold the First Day of Classes on Aug. 8th (a full day). Corrections have been posted, in the event you wish to download the Wednesday Fax again.



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Church News and Events

~ August is Heritage Month at Fairview Baptist Church. Dr. Mike Allison, pastor of Madison Baptist church in Madison, AL, will be speaking during Sunday School (10 a.m.) and in the morning worship hour (11 a.m.) this Sunday. The public is invited to attend.



~ First Baptist Church of Athens will honor Libby Johnson during morning worship at 10:45 a.m. this Sunday. "Miss Libby," as she is known, has taught Bible to students in the Athens area and surrounding areas since 1957. She has decided to retire after 60 years. She is now 87. Dr. Jason Clark, pastor of First Baptist Church, says she is a wonderful example of what a Christian should be. He says she has been a shining light for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

~ A Divorce Recovery workshop and support group will meet on Monday evenings at 7 at Allen Memorial United Methodist Church on Decatur Pike beginning Monday, August 7th. Call the church at 745-1560 to register.

~ Earl Galloway will be singing this Sunday at 10:45 a.m. at Pope Avenue Baptist Church.

~ Union McMinn Baptist Church will have a Back to School Bash on Saturday, August 5th, at 2 p.m. The Bash will include music by REDEEMED and a message by Bryan Coffey.

~ The Etowah Ministerial Association will have a Backpack Bash tomorrow, Aug. 5th from 10 a.m. to noon at the Etowah Depot. Get there early to register to get a free back pack full of school supplies.

~ Boyd Memorial First Church of God will have Homecoming Services this Sunday at 11 a.m. The Carters will sing and new Pastor Steven Croft will be preaching

~ St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Etowah will have its Community Harvest Share today at 2:30 p.m. with a wide variety of free fresh vegetables. It is limited to 100 families.

Obituaries

- ♦ **David Thomas George, Jr.**, age 64, of Sweetwater, died Wednesday at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. He was an electrician. A memorial service will be at 6 p.m. Friday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Jeannette Williams Caldwell**, age 70, of Etowah, died Sunday. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m.
- ♦ **Michael F. Hilderbrandt**, age 63, of Athens, died Monday at Starr Regional of Athens. Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church of Athens. Laycock-Hobbs is in charge.
- ♦ **Gary Dean Palmer**, age 56, of Riceville, died Wednesday at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home.

Thursday's Market Report

U.S. markets closed the day mixed. The health care sector rebounded slightly while energy stocks edged lower. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 10 points to 22,026. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 5 points or 0.2% to 2,472, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 22 points or 0.4% to 6,340.

In Commodity Markets, the spot price of gold rose \$1.38 to \$1,268.04, and the price of crude oil fell \$0.64 to \$48.95.



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