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Monday, September 25, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ AFD EARNS LIFE SAFETY AWARD

The Athens Fire Department was recently presented with a Life Safety Achievement Award for its fire prevention accomplishments in 2016 by the National Association of State Fire Marshals Fire Research and Education Foundation (NASFM). Since 1994, the Life Safety Achievement Award has recognized local fire prevention efforts that have contributed to reducing the number of lives lost in residential fires. The Athens Fire Department is one of 160 fire departments across the United States to receive the award this year for recording zero fire deaths in 2016. House fires in the U.S. account for only 20 percent of all fires, but they result in 80 percent of fire deaths. AFD was also acknowledged for their active and effective fire prevention programs and commitment to reducing the number of house fires in the community.



Athens Fire Chief Jim Dyer

National & World News

◆ One woman was shot dead and six other churchgoers were wounded by a gunman who opened fire Sunday morning at the Burnett Chapel Church of Christ in Antioch, just outside Nashville. A church member who ran up and confronted the gunman was pistol-whipped by him. That church member then went to his car, where he got his own weapon to confront the shooter again. The gunman then shot himself. His wound was not life-threatening.

◆ Fears in storm-battered Puerto Rico have shifted to the failure of the Guajataca Dam as the U.S. territory reels from the devastating impact of Hurricane Maria. The National Weather Service said failure of the Guajataca Dam in northwest Puerto Rico is "imminent" and could cause "life-threatening flash flooding" downstream on the Guajataca River.

◆ A suspect armed with a machete was taken into custody late Friday after he took nine people hostage at the Community First Bank & Trust in Columbia, Tennessee. All hostages were released prior to the man being taken into custody and none were injured.

◆ **FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD:** McMinn Central was blanked by Meigs County 39 to 0. Sweetwater over Sequoyah 31 to 14. Cleveland defeated Walker Valley in a high scoring game 67 to 47. The McMinn County Cherokees did not play Friday. Tennessee beat the University of Massachusetts 17 to 14. UT hosts Georgia next Saturday in Knoxville at 3:30 p.m.



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DOMINION GRAND OPENING

Dominion Senior Living of Athens held its grand opening last Friday. Several hundred people attended the event and took tours of the new 50,000 square foot, \$8 million facility. The new community has room for 84 residents and sits on 10 acres just off West Madison Avenue, near the Dennis Street bridge. Dominion also will have 50 employees. In the photo (L-R): Logan Nico, project manager, Joy Lewis, dining services director, Missy Ingram, wellness director, Rhonda Elkins, life enrichment director, Jessica Skelton, business manager, Shannon Alvey, executive director, Mr. and Mrs. T.J McDaniel, Dominion's first residents celebrating 68 years of marriage. (See insert below) (Photo courtesy of Dominion Senior Living)



T. J. and Jewell McDaniel
 (Staff Photo)

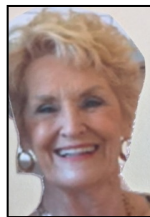


Obituaries

♦ **David Troy Harrison**, age 32, of Etowah, died unexpectedly last Tuesday. He was an employee of Etowah Utilities Board and a Captain with Etowah Fire and Rescue. Troy became a firefighter with the Etowah Volunteer Fire Department before he even had a driver's license. Funeral services were held Sunday. M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens was in charge.



♦ **Pamelia "Pam" Eiche Carver Wilson**, age 75, of Athens, died last Friday. She was the owner-operator and designer for "Pam's Pizzazz" in downtown Athens for 25 years. She was active in the Downtown Business Association; served on the board and was V.P. of CASA; volunteered with Woods Memorial Hospice; was a member of the Guild of The Living Heritage Museum; and member of the Artist League of Athens. A funeral service will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Smith Funeral Home.



♦ **Mary Anglee Blankenship**, age 88, of Englewood, died Sunday at her residence. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

♦ **Patricia Ann Richesin**, age 70, of Riceville, died Saturday at her home. She was retired from Pioneer Furniture. A Celebration of Life will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at Companion.

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