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Thursday, August 30, 2018

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

National & World News

◆ TREMOR SHAKES ENGLEWOOD AREA

An earthquake measuring 2.2 in magnitude was recorded in McMinn County around 9:45 p.m. Tuesday. The quake was centered in the Burger community on Burger Branch Road near Englewood. Several residents of McMinn County reported feeling the shaking or hearing a loud sound. One resident described it as sounding like her sliding door was slamming shut.

◆ TVA TO BUILD FACILITY IN MEIGS CO.

TVA plans to build a new \$300 million system operations center in southern Meigs County. It will be one of the biggest upgrades of TVA's power grid in the utility's 85-year history. The new facility will be built over the next three years in the Georgetown area. It will replace the power control center currently housed beneath TVA's office complex in downtown Chattanooga.

◆ SHOOTING SUSPECT IN CUSTODY

Athens police have arrested David Rodriguez in connection with a shooting at a house on Webb Street Wednesday morning. The victim showed up at a porch on Railroad Ave. and said he had been shot in the stomach. He was transported to UT Medical Center. Police surrounded the house on Webb Street and arrested Rodriguez when he came outdoors. Due to the proximity to North City School, the school was placed on lockdown for about an hour. Officers were stationed at the school and remained there until Rodriguez was taken into custody.

◆ The first of five days of memorials honoring the late Sen. John McCain started in his adopted home state of Arizona on Wednesday. Senator McCain is the third person in 40 years to lie in state at the Arizona Capitol in Phoenix. Later, his body will be flown to Washington, DC and will lie in state in the Capitol building.

◆ Federal authorities detained over 100 undocumented workers in a surprise raid at Load Trail, a Texas manufacturing company on Tuesday. Load Trail was previously charged with knowingly hiring undocumented immigrants for labor according to federal authorities.

◆ White House counsel Don McGahn will be leaving his position in the fall. President Trump said McGahn's departure would come after the confirmation hearing of Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The annual McMinn County Junior Dairy Show will be Friday, Aug. 31st, at the McMinn County Showbarn on Highway 30 at 6 p.m. The event is free.

✓ The McMinn County Health Department will be closed Friday for repairs. The office will re-open next Tuesday.

✓ The Athens, McMinn County, and Etowah schools will be closed Friday for Teacher Training. Schools will also be closed for Labor Day on Monday.

✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library is hosting an exhibit of photography by Sheila Silvus Chesnow through November during regular library hours.

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Friday Night 40% rain & t'storms. Low 70.
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Obituaries

- ♦ **Jeanette Lee Hughes Palmer**, age 77, of Athens, died Tuesday at Life Care Center of Athens. Graveside services will be at 12 noon Friday at McMinn Memory Gardens, with visitation from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Shirley Littleton**, age 75, of Decatur, died August 22nd. There will be no public services. Bowers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Jacky Ray Burnett, Jr.**, age 42, of Athens, died Wednesday at Tennova Healthcare. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Steve Garren**, age 60, of Athens, died Wednesday at his residence. Arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens.

Wednesday's Market Report

U.S. stocks rose for the day, with technology stocks leading the way and the telecom sector the largest detractor. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 61 points or 0.2% to 26,125. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 17 points or 0.6% to 2,914, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 80 points or 1.0% to 8,110. In Commodity Markets, the spot price of gold rose \$5.91 to \$1,206.86, and the price of crude oil rose \$1.19 to \$69.72.

AUB Saluted for Hurricane Help

The American Public Power Association has awarded Athens Utilities Board a national commendation for its role in restoring electric power to the city of Wauchula, Florida, following Hurricane Irma last year. In September of 2017, AUB sent six crewmembers to Wauchula after the Category 4 hurricane nearly demolished the city's power distribution system. AUB is part of a Mutual Aid Network of public power utilities that come to the aid of sister systems when disasters cripple or destroy power systems that could take weeks or months to rebuild. As a result of the hurricane, Wauchula was left completely in the dark. Upon arrival, the AUB crew's first task was to help restore power to the local hospital and the water treatment plant. AUB's Wayne Scarbrough says within the first four days of work, more than 80% of the city's customers had their power back on. On one of the hottest days of restoration work, three young girls brought water to the AUB crew as a way to say "thank you." (Photo provided by AUB)



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