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## Thursday, April 13, 2017

# **STATE & LOCAL NEWS**

## CITY SCHOOL BUS INVOLVED IN CRASH

An Athens City School Bus carrying eight students was involved in a minor crash Wednesday morning at about 7:50 a.m. There were no injuries to the students or to the driver of the bus. Apparently the 65-year-old driver, John Wilson, became ill and briefly passed out while the bus was traveling at a very slow speed. The bus struck a stop sign and then hit a parked vehicle before coming to a stop at the intersection of Haley and Sliger Streets. Ambulance personnel checked out the students who were taken to school on another bus. The driver was taken to a hospital.

## ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens/McMinn Ministerial Association's Holy Week service at 12:05 p.m. today will be at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, The speaker will be the Rev. Charla Sherbakoff from Allen Memorial United Methodist Church.

✓ The Tennessee Highway Patrol will be conducting a driver license roadside safety checkpoint Friday, April 14th, in McMinn County at Highway 68 and County Road 250.

The Athens Travelers Car Club will hold its monthly "Cruise-In" this Saturday in Downtown Athens. Jackson Street will be closed from Green Street to Madison Avenue from 4 to 10 p.m.

✓ Tomorrow is Good Friday. State, McMinn County, and City of Athens offices will be closed. It is not a federal holiday. Banks and the post office will be open.

# **National - World News**

President Trump met with NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg at the White House Wednesday. This was the first inperson meeting for President Trump and Stoltenberg. Also on Wednesday, U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson met with Russian President Vladimir Putin at the Kremlin, along with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov.

• While vacationing with his family in Barcelona, alleged Russian spammer Peter Levashov was arrested on Friday at the request of U.S. authorities. Levashov is considered one of the world's most notorious spammers.

• Amid a simmering scandal from misconduct allegations, star Fox News host Bill O'Reilly has gone off the air for what's described as a long-planned vacation. His representative says his show "will remain unchanged until Mr. O'Reilly's return postvacation."

#### UPDATE ON GAS TAX INCREASE

Governor Bill Haslam's proposed tax on gasoline and diesel fuel has won approval in the House Finance Committee. The issue was tied up for several hours by a rival plan offered by House Speaker Beth Harwell. Her plan would have used existing sales tax revenue from sales of new and used vehicles to pay for transportation improvements, rather than a fuel tax increase. However her proposal may be offered again when the bill hits the floor of the House, possibly next week.



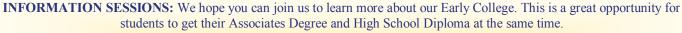
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## **Two for the Price of One!**

Twin ducks were born recently at Fuzz Miller's chicken farm, Feathered Acres, in Decatur. The unusual thing is they came from the same egg. Melissa and Charlie Miller discovered a duck egg with a double yolk. When it hatched, there were TWO ducklings inside. They sent us a photo showing the baby ducks coming out of the egg and another photo showing how they have grown.



## **Obituaries**

• Sandra Grace Trotter Newman, age 61, of Etowah, died Tuesday at Parkwest Medical Center. A Celebration of Life and Home going will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Serenity Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday and 12 to 1 p.m. on Saturday at Serenity.

**WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** U.S. stocks decreased as investors sought shelter in defensive shares and other low-risk assets amid lingering geopolitical concern. China is set to adopt new rules to prevent officials from falsifying statistics to help improve the quality of data of the world's second-largest economy. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 59.44 at 20,591.86. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 8.85 at 2,344.93, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 30.61 at 5,836.16.

## **♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**

✓ The annual Trash and Treasure Event hosted by the Living Heritage Museum Guild will be held April 25th-29th at the former American Bedding building at 276 Dennis Street. Donations will be received April 17th-April 21th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and April 22nd from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Premiere Party will be held April 25th. Admission to the sneak preview is \$10.

✓ The Friends of the Niota Library will host a luncheon on April 26th at noon at the library. The speakers are Esther Nunley, Treasurer of the McMinn County Historical Society, and Patsy Duckworth, a local historian and author.

