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Monday, July 9, 2018

Athens, Tennessee

## State & Local News

### ◆ MAN SETS GRANDMOTHER ON FIRE

The TBI has been called in to assist in the investigation of an Athens man who is accused of fighting with his uncle and setting his grandmother on fire. It happened last Thursday on North Avenue. Police responded to a disturbance and broke up a fight between two men in the front yard, arresting Tysheen Walton, 32. They heard screams from a woman inside the house. Officers ran inside and found the woman on fire. They got her out of the house and put the flames out. The Fire Department was called because the house was also on fire. Police determined that the man fighting Walton had been attempting to defend the woman. He said Walton put toilet paper inside a Styrofoam cooler, lit it on fire, and threw it on his grandmother. She was flown to the Vanderbilt burn center. Walton was charged with attempted first degree murder, arson, vandalism, and domestic assault.

### ◆ NO ENFORCEMENT ACTION FOR WACKER

The TN Department of Environment is recommending no enforcement action be taken against the Wacker Chemical Plant in Charleston in connection with an incident last Sept. 7th that resulted in 14 people being treated at hospitals and a warning for residents to shelter in place and turn off their air conditioners. The report said an explosion which sent 1,784 pounds of hydrochloric acid into the air was caused by an equipment malfunction and the release was below levels that affected health or environment.

## National & World News

◆ Rescue efforts continue to remove the 12 boys and their soccer coach who have been trapped in a flooded cavern in Thailand for more than two weeks. A group of 18 divers brought four of the boys out safely on Sunday.

◆ The third named storm of the 2018 Atlantic hurricane season formed off the coast of North Carolina on Sunday, prompting warnings of dangerous surf in the days ahead. A man died Saturday when he was caught in rough surf on a North Carolina beach.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Good Faith Clinic will be held tomorrow, July 10th, at Christ Community Church on Congress Parkway. The doors open at 2:30 p.m. The clinic is open to all McMinn and Meigs County residents who are uninsured. Proof of residency is required.

✓ The Athens City Council holds a called meeting at 5:30 p.m. today to set the property tax rate for 2018.

✓ The guest on the Athens Chamber of Commerce's weekly radio show, "Chamber Chat," will be Becky Wattenbarger with Crye-Leike Realtors. You can hear Chamber Chat Tuesday's at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio AM-1390 & FM-94.5 or [ONLINE](#).

✓ The Athens City Schools Kids Connection (Extended Care Program) will have required pre-registration for Fall 2018 on July 16-18 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Ingleside School.

✓ The hearing on the temporary closure of Blue Cove Hideaway last Friday has been rescheduled for July 26th in McMinn County Circuit Court at the request of the Blue Cove owner's attorney.

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## Obituaries

- ♦ **Ottis Gene Moore**, age 85, of Ten Mile, died Saturday. He had owned Moore's Service Station and Moore's Produce, and had served in the Army. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday.
- ♦ **Johnny Franklin McKee**, age 47, of Calhoun, died last Friday. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Harold Scott Miller, 44, and his wife, Sheila Marie Miller, 41**, of Madisonville, died Tuesday, July 3rd, in a car accident. Scott was employed by Atkins Body Shop. Funeral services were held this past Saturday night at Biereley-Hale Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Judy Marian Pickett Cook**, age 71, of Etowah, died Friday at Erlanger Medical Center following a lengthy illness. She was a registered nurse. She was the mother of Rhonda Whaley, former publisher of the Daily Post-Athenian. Funeral services were held Sunday at Bordwine Funeral Home. Interment will be Monday at 11 a.m. at McMinn Memory Gardens.
- ♦ **Wayne Gilbert (Joe Buck) Pierce**, age 90, of Athens, died Friday. He was retired from Bowater and also the National Guard. Services were held Sunday. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home was in charge.
- ♦ **Gary Lynn Bennett**, age 64, of Decatur, died Saturday at his home. He had worked in construction and logging. A celebration of life will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Cleveland Chapel of Companion Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Reba Joyce Reagan** age 73, of Riceville, died Sunday at her home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.

## DENSO Teaches Teachers

More than 50 DENSO associates and 13 teachers from area schools took part in a Teacher Externship at the Athens plant recently. DENSO provided the teachers with an opportunity to engage in activities that demonstrated how classroom content and learning strategies are applied in the workplace. The photo below shows two of the teachers, Emilee Armstrong from Englewood Elementary on the left and Rebekah Ball from Walker Valley High School. They are holding wrenches produced in DENSO's 3D printer. The wrenches actually work, but they are made of a plastic material. DENSO uses 3D printers to test production products. (Photo by Erin Holbrook)



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