



#### Friday, May 3, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

## Woman Arrested at NC School

Athens City Police say a woman faces assault charges after an incident that put North City school on lockdown on Wednesday. According to police, a woman identified as Tashea Gordon of

Athens, walked into the lobby of North City Elementary School, pacing and "acting erratically." Police say she was screaming loudly and calling for help. When a staff member tried to talk with her, she tried to force her way into the secure area of the school where students and classrooms are located. Several



staff members struggled with her to keep her from entering, while another staff member called police. Officer Randy Queen arrived on scene about a minute after being dispatched. He and other officers took Gordon into custody. During the struggle, several staff members received minor injuries. Gordon was taken to the hospital and then booked into the McMinn County Jail on charges of assault, disorderly conduct, and public intoxication. Bond was set at \$5,000. After the situation was cleared, the school held an assembly to explain to the students what had happened.

## **Community News You Can Use**

✓ The McMinn County Schools will hold registration for Pre-K and Kindergarten this coming Monday and Tuesday, May 6th and 7th, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Click ad at top of page 2 for more info)

✓ Athens Utilities Board crews will flush water lines and fire hydrants throughout the city beginning at 4 p.m. today, weather permitting. The work will go throughout the night. Flushing water distribution lines is preventive maintenance that promotes clean, sediment-free water year-round. During the flushing operation and even throughout Saturday, some areas may experience slightly cloudy water. You may want to avoid washing clothes until the water clears up.

✓ The 2019 McMinn County Rabies Clinic will be held next week at most veterinary offices. The cost of the rabies shot will be \$10. You should call ahead for an appointment. The vets who are participating are Animal Aid, The Animal Clinic of Athens, Athens Small Animal Hospital, The Home Vet, McMinn Regional Humane Society Spay & Neuter Clinic, Mecca Pike Animal Hospital, Offutt Veterinary Service, The Pet Clinic, Sweetwater Veterinary Hospital, and Union Hill Veterinary Hospital.

✓ **CHANGE:** Due to the forecast for bad weather, the MooFest and Wetlands Festival for Saturday has been moved to Ingleside Elementary School. Also, the Pet Parade has been cancelled.





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# Obituaries

• Guy W. Neisler, Jr., age 68, of Athens, died Wednesday at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. He retired from Johns-Manville after 25 years of service. Funeral services will be 7 p.m. Sunday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

• Susan Norfleet Harris Willis, age 74, of Athens, died Wednesday at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. She was born in Florence, Alabama, graduated from Mississippi State College for women in 1966. On December 27, 1967, she married Barry Willis and began her Navy wife career living in Idaho and California. She and her family moved to Athens in 1977, where she owned Washington Street Café, Susan's Antique Mall in Athens. She later owned and operated a Bed and Breakfast in the 1858 Keith Mansion. She was a substitute teacher and volunteer. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Mars Hill Presbyterian Church with visitation immediately following the service in the fellowship hall of the church. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

• Hubert Junior Haney, age 78, of Georgetown, died Wednesday, at Chattanooga Memorial Hospital. He was a Marine Veteran of the Vietnam War. A funeral service will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Gum Springs Baptist Church with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. at the church. Bowers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

• Neoma Muriel Spears Flynn, age 90, of Grandview, died Wednesday at Roane Medical Center. No services will be held at this time. Bowers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

#### ◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Ram Championship Rodeo will be held tonight and Saturday night at 8 under the covered arena at Athens Regional Park. There will be bucking broncos, mutton bustin,' and a free calf each night. Proceeds benefit the Riceville Fire Department. (See ad on page 1 for more info)

# **Church News & Events**

- Community Harvest Share will take place at St. Paul's UMC in Etowah from 2:30 to 3 p.m. today. There will be free locally grown vegetables.

- Valley Road Baptist Church will have its 70th Homecoming this Sunday. Services will be at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Jimmy Jackson.

- The Christian Motorcycle Association/Trinity Warriors #994 in Athens will host the annual Run for the Son ride Saturday, May 4th. Meet at the UGO/Big Lots Parking Lot at 9 a.m.

- Revival services will be held at Union Hill Baptist Church May 6th - 10th. Brother Bob McCurry will be preaching Monday and Tuesday. Brother Daniel Stewart will preach Wednesday through Friday. There will be special singing nightly.

- The Wellspring Mennonite Church will host the 50-voice Elnora Bible Institute (EBI) Choir from Indiana for an evening of inspirational a cappella music on Wednesday, May 8th, at 7:30 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public. The church is located at 265 County Road 608.

- Voice of Deliverance Ministry Church of God in Christ, 520 Old Riceville Rd., Athens, will have their 18th annual church anniversary this Sunday with morning worship at 11 a.m., dinner from 1 to 3 p.m., and an evening service beginning at 4.

- The Relay for Life team of Allen Memorial UMC will sponsor a Royal Tea Party for ladies of all ages Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$10. Call 745-1560 to make reservations.

