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Athens, Tennessee

### Tuesday, June 20, 2017

### **STATE & LOCAL NEWS**

**♦** FIRE DESTROYS HOUSE ON COUNTY ROAD 441

A fire early Monday morning destroyed a house on County Road 441 just outside the Athens city limits. The house belonged to Mark Hicks. The family was not at home at the time. The house was engulfed in flames as volunteers from Athens Rural and Englewood Rural fire departments arrived. The Athens City Fire Department stood by at the city limits in case they were needed. Athens Rural Fire Chief Chuck Burris was in charge of the scene.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram with the Englewood Rural Fire Dept.)



### National & World News

♦ Otto Warmbier, the American student who was imprisoned in North Korea for more than 17 months, died on Monday. Warmbier was returned home to Ohio last week. Doctors from the University of Cincinnati Medical Center said that Warmbier, 22, was suffering from injuries related to cardiopulmonary arrest and was in a state of unresponsive wakefulness. Scans showed extensive loss in all regions of his brain.

◆ A vehicle carrying two gas canisters, two handguns and one Kalashnikov collided with a police car near the Champs-Elysées in Paris around 3:40 p.m. local time on Monday. The incident is being investigated as an act of terror. The driver of the vehicle set his car on fire before hitting the police vehicle.

#### **♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**

✓ The Athens City Council holds its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Municipal Building.

✓ Kay Simmons will have two guests on "Chamber Chat," the Athens Chamber of Commerce weekly radio show, at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI Radio, FM-94.5 and AM-1390. Her guests will be Mary Brown, who is heading up the upcoming Remote Area Medical Clinic in Athens next month, and Lori Williams with *A Glimmer of Hope*.

✓ David McDonald has been appointed as the new principal at McMinn County High School. He has been principal at Riceville Elementary School for the past five years. He replaces John Burroughs who has been named Secondary Education Supervisor.





## **AUB Names Communications Rep**

Athens native Erica Peden has joined Athens Utilities Board as a Communications Specialist. Peden comes to AUB from her most recent position with the Athens-McMinn YMCA, where she oversaw and ran the organization's social media and communications efforts and served as the Aquatics and Marketing Director. AUB recently updated its website, adding new content and enhancing various online options. Peden will maintain the new website and work to continually

improve it along with other social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. She will also work with other AUB departments, such as billing and information technologies, to help develop streamlined customer interfaces. AUB's Wayne Scarbrough says the utility is working to add communications



portals and methods that today's public expects and demands.

# **Obituaries**

• **Bonnie Lee Burgess Freeman**, age 81 of Etowah, died Sunday at Etowah Health Care after a lingering illness. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Ironsburg Cemetery. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

• Sheral Culberson died Sunday in a Chattanooga health care facility. Arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral & Cremation Service.

**MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** U.S. stocks increased, driven by gains in the technology sector. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 145 points or 0.7% to 21,529. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 19 points or 0.8% to 2,453, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 87 points or 1.4% to 6,239.

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

✓ Today is ART Day at the Etowah Community Center. At 1 p.m., you can create your own masterpiece with paint and create a mosaic. Teens can unleash your creativity by painting with your feet. Wednesday at 1 p.m., there will be a Family Movie Event with popcorn. Call the Etowah Carnegie Library at 263-9475 for movie information.

✓ The Spouses of Veterans with PTSD Support Group meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month. That will be tonight at 6:30 at Athens Lutheran Church. Call 744-1605 for info.

