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Athens, Tennessee

# Drug Bust at Wal-Mart

◆ On June 22nd, agents with the 10th Judicial Drug Task Force received information from the Rhea County Sheriff's Office that a drug deal involving 20 to 25 grams of heroin was about to take place in the Wal-Mart parking lot. Officers from the Drug Task Force and the Rhea and McMinn County Sheriff's officers set up an operation at Wal-Mart at the designated time. When the time arrived a black Toyota Camry came into the Wal-Mart parking lot and was approached by officers. Approximately 20 grams of her-



oin was seized and three people were arrested. The suspects are all from Detroit. Sheriff Joe Guy says the heroin was worth about 3-thousanddollars and would have resulted in 200 doses being sold on the street. (Photo from McMinn Sheriff's Department)

# **National & World News**

◆ Republican Senator Susan Collins of Maine appeared on ABC's "This Week" Sunday and said there are some names on the president's list of potential nominees to the Supreme Court who she cannot support. Collins says she cannot support a candidate who does not respect Roe v Wade that legalized abortion in 1973.

## 1st Anniversary of Athens Fire

July 1, 2017 was the date of one of the most devastating fires to occur in downtown Athens, when the Logan-Thompson Law office building at the corner of Washington Avenue and North Jackson Street caught fire and threatened to spread over an entire city block. Thanks to local and area firefighters, that didn't happen. Jim Logan tells the MORNING FAX that the status of his former office building still hasn't been resolved, however he has entered into an agreement with the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce to allow his property to be used as a staging area for contractors to reconstruct the wall that separated both buildings. Greek's Bearing Gifts sustained heavy smoke and water damage and has since been restored and reopened. The Prissy Closet also received smoke damage and the owners decided not to reopen their business. Johnson's Home Furnishings suffered significant damage and moved their business 1 block over to East Madison Avenue and has operated from their warehouse for the past year. Brian Key with Johnson's tells the MORNING FAX that repairs are being finalized and they hope to reopen their store on East Washington Avenue by the end of July.











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#### WEATHER FORECAST

Monday - 60% rain & T'storms. High 85.

**Mon. night** - 60% rain &

t'storms. Low 69.

Tuesday - 30% rain &

t'storms. High 88.

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# **Obituaries**

• Douglas Lynn Snyder, age 71, of Sweetwater died Thursday at Starr Regional Medical Center. He was retired from Southern Railroad after 30 years. A Celebration of Life service will be conducted Saturday at Fairview Baptist Church in Sweetwater. Smith

Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

• Lee Bryan "Doak" Willett, of Athens, died Friday at his residence. He was a veteran of WWII serving in the Merchant Marines and the Army Air Corps. A Celebration of Life service will be Monday at Keith Memorial Methodist Church with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the service. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

• Warnetta Kaye Kennedy Martin, age 63, of Athens, died Thursday at her home. Funeral services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home with visitation 12 noon to 2 p.m. today.

• Sandra Brady Sledge, age 70, of Athens, died Friday at her home. She worked for Athens City Schools for 33 years and with Adult and Family Education of McMinn County. Funeral services were held Sunday with interment in the Niota Cemetery. Laycock

-Hobbs Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

• Lonnie Latham, age 69, of Athens, died Friday at his home. He had most recently worked at M&M Mars. A graveside service will be Monday at 5:30 p.m. at Hammonds Cemetery with visita-

tion from 3 to 5 p.m. today at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

• Charles Hoyt Runion, age 74, of Cleveland, died Friday at his home. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and was a retired electrician. A Celebration of Life service will be Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the Dixon chapel of the North Cleveland Church of God with visitation from 2 to 4 p.m. at the church. Companion Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

• Evelyn Hackney Mullins, age 75, of Athens, died Saturday at her home. Arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.

### **Obituaries-continued**

• Clyde Earnest McNeely, age 86, of the Lamontville Community, died Saturday at his home. He was a Korean War veteran serving in the U.S. Army. A celebration of life will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Brittsville Baptist Church in Georgetown with visita-

tion from 5 to 7 p.m. Companion Funeral Home is in charge.

• Henry Ben "Buck" Sneed, age 92, of Athens, died Friday at NHC. He retired from Athens Products and was a Ham Radio Operator with the call sign of WB4DQH. A funeral service will be Thursday at 7 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m., prior to the service.

• Judith Ann Pierce Hayles, age 73, of Decatur, died Saturday at Starr Regional of Etowah. In keeping with her wishes, no visitation or service will be held. Companion Funeral Home is in

charge of arrangements.

#### TODAY IN HISTORY - July 2<sup>nd</sup>

**1776** - The Continental Congress formally approved a resolution which became the Declaration of Independence from Britain. It was signed two days later.

**1815** - A British clown named J. Usher met a challenge and set sail on the River Thames in England. He rode in a wash tub drawn by four geese. By early afternoon, he had passed under four bridges and reached Cumberland Gardens, fulfilling his challenge and attracting a large crowd.

1908 - Thurgood Marshall, the first African-American Supreme

Court justice, was born in Baltimore.

1932 - Democrats nominated New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt for president at their convention in Chicago.

1937 - Aviator Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan disappeared over the Pacific Ocean while attempting to make the first around-the-world flight at the equator.



