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Monday - Mostly sunny. High near 88.

Mon. night - Mostly clear. Low near 65.

Tuesday - Sunny with calm winds. High around 89.

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Monday, August 13, 2018 Morning Fax®...Today's News This Morning Page 2 Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Pamela Elaine Roderick**, age 52, of Athens, died Saturday at Parkwest in Knoxville. A graveside service will be Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. at Idlewild Cemetery with visitation from 2 to 4 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home.

♦ **Merita Faye Mowell Head**, age 79, of Athens, died Friday at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. She served as the Officer Manager at L&M Motors for 43 years. A funeral service will be Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home with visitation at 6 p.m.

♦ **Ida Mae Shelton**, age 80, of Decatur, died Thursday at her residence. Funeral services were held Saturday at the First Baptist Church of Decatur with burial in the Mountain View Memorial Gardens. Bowers Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Millie Altizer Fields**, age 93, of Athens, died Friday at UT Medical Center. A graveside service will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Green Hill Cemetery in Etowah with visitation at 10 a.m. at Smith Funeral and Cremation Services of Athens.

♦ **Kelby Johnanna Ruth Fritts**, age 18, of Old Fort, died Monday, August 6th, at an area hospital. She graduated from Polk County High School where she was the Salutatorian of her class. She was a two sport athlete and excelled in playing softball and basketball. A Celebration of Life service will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Family Worship Center in Cleveland with visitation Monday from 3 to 8 p.m. at the church. Companion Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

♦ **Fred Allen Millsaps**, age 84, of Cleveland, and formerly of Athens, died Saturday at Garden Plaza of Cleveland. He was the Exxon Distributor for over 30 years and served in the U.S. Army. A Celebration of Life will be Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Cleveland with visitation from 4 to 6 p.m.

Tennessee's First Execution since 2009

Tennessee carried out its first execution since 2009 last Thursday evening. Billy Ray Irick died by lethal injection for the rape and murder of a seven-year-old girl in 1985. His last meal was a burger combo. Witnesses say condemned inmate Billy Ray Irick at first signaled he would have no last words, but then gave a brief statement to those watching. Irick, who was convicted of the child's 1985 rape and murder in 1986, told those present "I'm really sorry" shortly before he was executed at a prison in Nashville. The execution came after a final appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court was turned down. Attorney General Herbert Slattery said, "The death penalty is constitutional and it is the law of the State of Tennessee. It has taken decades and multiple court hearings, but justice was finally served for the murder and aggravated rape of 7-year-old Paula Dyer. Justice was delayed too long for this little girl and her family. I hope tonight's lawful execution in some way eases the heartache Paula's family has lived with and brings a degree of closure to a chapter of their lives that has been indescribably difficult."

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