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Friday, September 28, 2018

Athens, Tennessee

## State & Local News

### ◆ RAIN TOTALS TOP 6 INCHES SO FAR

In the past three days, AUB has recorded just under 6 inches of rain (5.89) to be exact, and that does not include the rain that has fallen since 7 a.m. Thursday. AUB's Wayne Scarbrough says the rain has saturated and "softened" the soil. He says this soft soil sometimes allows large trees simply to fall over, pulling up roots and all at the base. The photo shows trees that did just that on County Rd 265. Scarbrough says don't be surprised to see this happen in the coming week or so, even if the day is beautiful and sunny. He says there are likely several big trees right on the edge of falling and can come down without warning.



## State & Local News

◆ Christine Blasey Ford testified under oath before the Senate Judiciary Committee Thursday regarding her allegation that Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh sexually assaulted her 36 years ago. When questioned about her degree of certainty that she believed it was Brett Kavanaugh who assaulted her, her response was, "100 percent." Former sex crimes prosecutor Rachel Mitchell from Arizona, questioned Ford on behalf of the Republicans. Later in the day and under oath, Kavanaugh offered an unequivocal denial that he sexually assaulted Ford: "I swear today, under oath, before the Senate and the nation, before my family and God, I am innocent of this charge." The committee vote is scheduled for today and the first procedural vote will take place on the Senate floor Saturday.

◆ A beluga whale has been spotted stranded in London in the River Thames. There are concerns that the whale may not be able to find his way back to the Arctic sea as he continues to move further into London. Rescue teams from The British Divers Marine Life Rescue are on standby. Beluga whales live in the Arctic Sea.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The annual "Jimmy Limer Memorial Christmas Parade" in Downtown Athens is scheduled for Monday, December 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. The parade theme will be "An Athens Family Christmas." Applications for floats are available at the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce office, in the Courthouse basement. More Community News on Page 2.

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## Obituaries

♦ **Greg Nichols**, age 42, of Athens, died Thursday at Erlanger Medical Center. Visitation will be Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. at Cedar Grove Cemetery.

♦ **Billy Jack "Jackie" Clark**, age 68, of Winnie, Texas and formerly of Athens, died Tuesday. He was an all-American football player for McMinn County High School and was inducted in the Tennessee Hall of Fame. He was a United States Army veteran and a retired operator at Goodyear. A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Saturday at Broussard's Mortuary in Winnie, Texas.

**THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** U.S. stocks rose as the market continued to digest the Fed's commentary about the state of the economy and its decision to raise interest rates. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 55 points or 0.2% to 26,440. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 8 points or 0.3% to 2,914, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 52 points or 0.6% to 8,042.

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

✓ The American Legion's monthly fish fry will be this evening from 5 to 7:15 in the dining room of the VFW Post on N. Congress Parkway. All you can eat for \$9.00. The public is invited.

**FOOTBALL:** MCHS plays at Bradley Central...McMinn Central plays at home against Loudon...and Meigs County hosts Cumberland County. The University of Tennessee will play the Bulldogs at Athens, Georgia. Kickoff time is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on CBS.

## Church News & Events

- Jones Chapel United Methodist Church and Wagg-n-Purr Retreat will co-sponsor a silent auction and pet photos (call 649-0206 for a photo appointment) Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Wagg-n-Purr, 1046 North Congress Parkway. Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

- The Carter Family will sing at 10:30 a.m. this Sunday at Pope Avenue Baptist Church in Athens.

- The Young Musicians Choir of East Athens Baptist Church will present the musical, "Fish Tales," this Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Family Life Center. The public is invited.

- "Rally for Righteousness," an evening of prayer and revival for all Etowah area churches, will be held this Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Gem Theater in Etowah.

- Carlock and St. Paul's Methodist churches will have their annual Old Timey Church Gatherin' this Sunday at 11 a.m. at 133 County Rd 714, Riceville. Music will be led by the bluegrass group Reliance. Wear your old timey clothes, and bring a chair and a covered dish.

- St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Animal Aid invite you to the "Blessing of the Animals & Food Collection for Impoverished Pets" on Thursday, October 4th, at 5:30 p.m. at the church.

- The McMinn Car Care Ministry will have its next Free Oil Change on Saturday, October 20th. This is for those who are widowed, single parents, or living on a fixed income. Call 263-0160 to apply before October 13th.

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