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## Today's News...This Morning

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Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

### Local & Area News

◆ AUB is starting a third round of smoke testing wastewater lines. The crews will target neighborhoods in Athens' North City area beginning today, September 24<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. The crews use smoke blown through lines to detect any leak points in main lines and service lines. The streets include George, Hudson, Bryson, S Congress Pkwy, Haley St, North Avenue, Elk Street, Sharp Road, Richardson Street, Velma Road, Astrid Street, Tellico Avenue, Gliden Street, Northside Drive, Cumberland Avenue, Sliger Street, Rogers Street, and Athens Mobile Home Park. Smoke testing will begin each morning of the work at about 8 a.m. The smoke that AUB uses to find leaks is harmless. It is manufactured for the work and will not affect animals or plant life.

◆ The City of Athens Public Works Department announces that numerous city streets will be repaved during the next several weeks as part of the City's paving project. Work will involve the milling of existing pavement on the streets. After milling of the old pavement is complete, the roads will be repaved with new asphalt, and restriped with new paint markings. The Public Works Department recommends motorists use alternate routes where possible. Extreme caution should be used while driving in these areas: Railroad Avenue, N. Jackson Street, Fairview Road, Frye Street, Howard Street, Denso Drive, Sullins Road, Alford Street, Cedar Springs Road, Hammerhill Road, Village Lane, Shadows Lawn Drive, Dossett Street, Maple Street, Cook Drive, and Whitaker Road. Emergency vehicles will be permitted in the area. Some minor delays may be unavoidable. Motorists are advised to be prepared for detour and traffic control signage, construction equipment, and work crews on impacted streets.

### World & National News

◆ The world's oldest travel company, Thomas Cook, ceased trading on Monday morning with immediate effect and cancelled all future flights following a year of heavy financial losses. The total number of European passengers stranded is 500,000, with 350,000 Germans believed to have been affected by the travel company's collapse. The U.K. government has launched the biggest peacetime repatriation of its citizens after the collapse left over 150,000 Brits unable to return home and over 20,000 jobs at risk across the globe. Peter Fankhauser, chief executive of Thomas Cook apologized to his colleagues, customers, and those who have booked with them in the coming months.

◆ On September 21, the FBI arrested an Army soldier, Jarrett William Smith, stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, and charged him with providing details that could lead to the creation of explosives and weapons of mass destruction. Smith allegedly discussed plans to bomb a major American news network, and allegedly admitted to the FBI that he provided people online with instructions for building bombs. If convicted, Smith faces up to 20 years in federal prison and up to \$250,000 in fines.

◆ Commutes around Washington, D.C., were disrupted Monday morning by activists calling for action on climate change. The protesters in the nation's capital, calling themselves Shut Down D.C., blocked major intersections around the city claiming that "shutting down the nation's capital could be our best shot at starting this justice-based transition" for climate change.

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## Obituaries

♦**Willie Peels**, age 71, of Benton, died Sunday at his home. A funeral service will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Myers Funeral Home with visitation beginning at 12 noon.

♦**Nella Mae Simonds**, age 86, of Athens, died last Friday. A celebration of her life will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Companion of Athens with visitation beginning at 12 noon.

♦**Kathy Burnett Grinslade**, age 60, of Athens, died last Thursday. The family will receive friends at 3 p.m. Friday with a service to follow at Companion of Athens.

### TODAY IN HISTORY - SEPTEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>

**1896** - American novelist F. Scott Fitzgerald was born. His novels include "The Great Gatsby" and "Tender Is the Night."

**1934** - Babe Ruth bid farewell to the New York Yankees. It was the Babe's last game in Yankee Stadium and for the team. The Yankees lost to the Boston Red Sox, 5-0.

**1936** - Jim Henson was born. He was the creator of such creatures as "Big Bird," "Kermit the Frog," and "Miss Piggy" from the TV show "Sesame Street."

**1985** - President Ronald Reagan paid a visit to Athens, speaking to a large crowd from the steps of the McMinn County Courthouse.

## Keep Feeding Those Hummers

It's almost time for the hummingbirds to migrate, but keep those feeders up and full of nectar. As long as the hummingbirds are visiting, leave your hummingbird feeders up. Most hummingbirds begin migrating around late August or mid-September. They need to pack on the fat which will help fuel their journey. Most Ruby-throated hummingbirds winter between southern Mexico and northern Panama. Above a female is feeding from a flower and perched on a limb (see insert). Below a female is perched on a feeder and feasting on the nectar from the feeder.



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### Upcoming Events

Oct 1 - Oct 30:(daily)

2019 Quilt Show

"The Tradition Continues"

Oct 5 (10:30AM - 12:30PM) By: Wayne Williams  
History of 1st Presbyterian Church (130 Years)

Daily: \$5 adults  
\$3 Senior/Students

Oct 12- Free Admission  
Celebrating Pumpkintown

#### Quilt Classes

Oct 12: "Diamonds in the Sky" By Anita Chaisty

Oct 23: Tennessee Quilt Study Group by Cindy Stuart

Oct 26: "Gorgeous Gourds" by Sandy Fitzpatrick

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