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Tuesday-September 4, 2012

Athens, Tennessee

## Local & State News

### ◆ HOLIDAY BOAT OUTING TURNS TRAGIC

A holiday weekend trip to the river has turned tragic in Meigs County. Two boats collided near the Hiwassee River bridge at Highway 58 during the storm Sunday night as they were approaching the boat ramp. The driver of one of the boats, 65-year-old Dale Rose of Georgetown, was killed in the collision. The operator of the other boat suffered minor injuries. The investigation continues into the cause of the collision.

### ◆ CHARGES PENDING AGAINST DECATUR WOMAN

Charges are pending against a Decatur woman after a two-vehicle collision that took place last Thursday night on Highway 58 in Meigs County. Virginia Banther, 61, of Cleveland was killed. She was on her way home from work at the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant when a car driven by Stephanie Delashmitt, 33 of Decatur, crossed the center line and hit her head-on. State Trooper Travis Ryans says Delashmitt may have been under the influence of drugs.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The McMinn County Junior Dairy Show for today, September 4th, has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.
- ✓ The Southeast Tennessee Human Resource Agency will be distributing USDA commodities to eligible Meigs County residents this Friday, September 7, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the SETHRA office in Decatur. You must have a card in order to receive commodities on that day.

## NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Union activists are walking a political tightrope, voicing support for President Barack Obama's re-election bid while lamenting adversarial attitudes toward organized labor in the state that Democrats chose for the presidential nominating convention, NC.

◆ Michael Clarke Duncan, the hulking, prolific character actor whose dozens of films included an Oscar-nominated performance as a death row inmate in "The Green Mile" and such other box office hits as "Armageddon," "Planet of the Apes" and "Kung Fu Panda," has died at the age of 54.

◆ Nothing seems to be quite going to plan for Vice President Joe Biden. A stolen U-Haul truck holding equipment for one of the Vice President's events was recovered in Detroit yesterday, but some of its contents were missing. The truck was found outside an apartment near Henry Ford Hospital. The U.S. Secret Service said that some of the contents, which they would not describe, were missing from the recovered truck.

◆ The term-limited President of Mexico, Felipe Calderon, is leaving his country with a better-armed economy and also more armored cars. The sale of armored vehicles in Mexico has at least doubled since Calderon took office and the homicide rate has soared, with decapitations and mass slayings so common they often no longer make the front pages of national newspapers, and local papers are often too intimidated to cover them at all.

◆ Democrats will be in the spotlight now as their convention in Charlotte gets underway today.

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**Southeast Tennessee String Ensemble**  
**Informational Meeting**  
**Thurs., Sept. 6th, 5pm**  
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 Beginner's Classes Available  
 Experienced Players Welcome  
 Grades 6th - 12th

Tuesday, September 4, 2012

Athens, Tennessee

## Obituaries

**Hal D. Hensley**, age 78, of Athens, died last Thursday at his home. He was a former chairman of the local Republican Party and a former TSSAA official. He was a former employee of Mayfield's, a former McMinn County Property Assessor and a former owner of Coleman Glass Company. Hal was an owner and exhibitor of Tennessee Walking Horses and belonged to many of their professional organizations. Memorial services will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, prior to the service.

**Emily Eugenia "Emmagene" Mayfield Cate**, age 78, of Athens, died last Thursday at a local healthcare facility. She was a gifted athlete and had been active with the Girl Scouts and Meals on Wheels. Private funeral services were held. Ralph Buckner Funeral Home of Etowah in charge of arrangements.

**Betty Ross Scott Johnson**, age 84, of Athens, died last Thursday at her home. She was a member of the Athens Garden Club, the Republican Women's Club, and was a volunteer at E.G. Fisher Library. She had worked at the TWC Bookstore, McMinn Highway Department, & Congressman John J. Duncan's office. A funeral service was held Monday at Smith Funeral Home.

**Helen Joyce Moore Bowers**, age 58, of Athens, died last Friday at Athens Regional Medical Center. She worked at Life Care Center of Athens as an LPN for many years. Memorial services were held Monday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

## More Obituaries

**Gordon Moore**, age 70, of Decatur died last Saturday at his home. He was retired from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency after 26 years of service as a TWRA officer in Meigs County. Funeral services will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Brittsville Baptist Church in Georgetown, with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. at the church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

**Lanetta White Duggan**, age 71, of Riceville died Monday at her home. She was a retired CNA from NHC Nursing Home. Funeral services will be 8 p.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home with receiving of friends from 6 - 8 p.m. prior to the service.

**Edgar Clemmer**, age 66, of Englewood died Saturday at McMinn Memorial Nursing Home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.

### THIS DAY IN HISTORY-SEPT. 4

**1609** - Navigator Henry Hudson discovered the island of Manhattan, where the heart of New York City now stands.

**1736** - Newspaper editor Robert Raikes was born in England. He founded the modern Sunday School movement by using Bible stories to help teach neglected children to read and write.

**1918** - Lendgandary radio commentator, the late Paul Harvey was born.

**1972** - American swimmer Mark Spitz became the first athlete to win seven Olympic gold medals.

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**Wednesday** - Partly sunny. 30 % rain & t'storms. High 89.

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