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Monday-April 22, 2013

### Local and State News

#### ◆ MURDIC FAMILY HONORED WITH MEDAL

Congressman John Duncan, Jr. was in Athens last Friday and presented a Congressional Gold Medal to the survivors of the late Robert J. Murdic. Murdic was a member of the 332nd Fighter Group of the famous Tuskegee Airmen, who fought with distinction during World War II. Murdic received his flight training at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, graduating in 1944, and was commissioned a Flight Officer. He flew almost 25 missions as a bomber escort as well as individual bombing missions in Europe. He passed away in 1974. In the photo: (L-R) Murdic's granddaughter Ashley, Daughter-In-Law, Armetta, and his son, Anthony "Tony" Murdic. Tony is an assistant football coach at McMinn County High School.



### NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ On April 22 & 23, sometime between midnight and sunrise, you might be able to observe the Lyrid meteor shower. Meteor showers occur when the earth's orbit intersects the path of a group of particles which are the remains of comets that orbit the sun on a regular schedule. The Lyrid meteor shower was first observed in 1861.
- ◆ Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev remains in serious condition at the heavily-guarded Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. He received a throat wound in the shoot-out with police and is unable to speak. Meanwhile, Boston's police commissioner said the two brothers had a large cache of weapons and most likely were planning other bombings and acts of terror.
- ◆ U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel held out hope Sunday for a nonmilitary way to ending the threat of a nuclear-armed Iran, but he also emphasized Washington's willingness to let Israel decide whether and when it might strike Tehran in self-defense.
- ◆ Doctors say the Boston transit police officer wounded in a shootout with the marathon bombing suspects had lost nearly all his blood and his heart had stopped from a single gunshot wound that severed three major blood vessels in his right thigh. Surgeons at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge say 33-year-old Richard Donohue is in stable but critical condition.

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## WEATHER

**Monday** - Mostly sunny. High-near 70.

**Monday night** - Partly cloudy with a low in the mid 40s.

**Tuesday** - Mostly sunny with a high in the low 70s.

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### Obituaries

**Steve Albert Elkins**, age 37, of Athens, died last Thursday at Fort Sanders Medical Center. He was a veteran serving in the U.S. Air Force and worked at Denso. Funeral services with military honors were held Sunday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

**William L. "Bill" Knox**, of Athens, died last Thursday at Brookewood Nursing Home in Decatur. Mr. Knox retired as the Fire Chief of Athens in 1989 after 37 years of service. He was one of the co-founders and charter members of the McMinn County Rescue Squad. He was a veteran, serving in the U.S. Army during WWII under the command of General George S. Patton. He saw action in Europe, France, the invasion of Normandy, Ardennes, & the Rhineland, where he was awarded the Purple Heart, a WWII Victory Medal and European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with 5 Bronze Service Stars. Funeral services with military honors were held Sunday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.



**John M. Haddock, Sr.**, age 92, of Athens, died last Friday at his home. He was a veteran serving in WWII & in Korea and was retired from the U.S. Air Force as a Chief Master Sergeant and later worked for the U.S. Civil Service. Celebration of Life services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens with visitation from 6 to 7 p.m. at M.D. Dotson.

### Obituaries-continued

**Ruby Casey Crockett**, age 73, of Englewood, died Saturday at NHC Healthcare of Athens. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Mars Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Bordwine Funeral Home.

**Zaryn Chancey Stewart**, age 10, of Calera, AL, and a former resident of Etowah, died last Wednesday. Funeral services were held Sunday at Bordwine Funeral Home.

**Rev. Claude R. Irons**, age 75, of Niota, died Sunday at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

### Dancing for a Cure Winners

Congratulations to Rhonda Price & Bryan Thomas (pictured), winners at Saturday night's "Dancing for a Cure" held at Athens City Middle School. Proceeds from the event will go to the Relay for Life and be used in the battle against cancer. Other contestants were Randy & Pam Breedwell, Quinn Satherlie & Wendy Reynolds, Mike Lowry & Krista Bain, and Greg Moses and Lisa Sharp. Photo by Chris Hari.



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