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Athens, Tennessee

## Local and State News

### ◆ CHARLIE "MR. SWIFT" NELSON DIES

A well-known name in aviation circles in McMinn County has died. Charles E. "Goosie" Nelson died Monday morning at his home. He was 82. Nelson was born in Meigs County and joined the Air Force in 1949. After his time in the military, he went to work for Douglas Aircraft.



In 1968, Nelson founded The International Swift Association with more than a thousand members from across the world. In 1969, the annual Swift Fly-In Conventions began at the McMinn County Airport. That event brought Swift owners and their small planes to Athens from all over North America. Many years, the convention featured an air show that attracted the public to the airport. He also founded the Swift Museum Foundation at the McMinn County Airport. In 2003, he was enshrined in the Tennessee Aviation Hall of Fame. Nelson had been in declining health in recent months. Obituary information can be found on Page 2.

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## NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ The Supreme Court ruled 5-4 in favor of craft chain Hobby Lobby and other "closely held" for-profit companies, saying they can refuse to pay for certain forms of contraception to their employees if doing so violates their religious beliefs. The case is the first to uphold a religious freedom right of a for-profit corporation.

◆ Senator Lamar Alexander, the senior Republican on the Senate Health Committee, praises the ruling that the federal government cannot compel employers to provide coverage for contraceptive drugs that violate their religious beliefs. Alexander says the ruling in favor of Hobby Lobby preserves the Constitution's protections of religious freedoms from another "overreach by the Obama administration."

◆ President Obama says he is finished waiting for House Republicans to act on immigration, and now plans to act on his own. He gave very few hints about what steps he might take by executive action.

◆ The bodies of three abducted Israeli teenagers were found northwest of the city of Hebron. The teenagers were kidnapped in the West Bank earlier in June. The bodies are currently going through forensic identification, and the families of the abducted teens have been notified. Israel blames Hamas for the killings.

◆ Jury selection began Monday in the obstruction trial of Azamat Tazhayakov, 20, a friend of Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev. Tazhayakov is accused of removing items from Tsarnaev's dorm room at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth several days after last year's deadly attack.

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**Tuesday night** - Partly cloudy. 20% rain Low-lower 70's.  
**Wednesday** - Mostly sunny. 40% rain & t'storms. High-lower 90's.  
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### Calling "C-Q, C-Q"

The McMinn County Amateur Radio Club participated in the annual Field Day exercise at the Athens Regional Park this past Saturday. Members of the club set up their radio equipment and operated using generator and battery power for 24 hours. The annual Field day has two purposes: It's a contest to see who can contact the most people by radio. It is also an exercise in operating vital communication equipment under emergency conditions when the power grid is down. Among the members of the club are Athens Police Chief Chuck Ziegler, Athens City Councilman Chuck Burris, and former Athens Fire Chief Bob Miller.



### Obituaries

- **Charles E. "Goosie" Nelson**, age 82, of Athens died Monday at his home. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at McMinn County Airport in the Athens Air Corporate Hangar with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. at the airport. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- **Golda Faye Toomey**, age 102, of Athens died Monday at Sweetwater Hospital. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from noon-1:30. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements..
- **Rev. James Larry Hughes**, age 61, of north McMinn County died Sunday at Sweetwater Hospital. He was owner of Folk-Art Crafts and a former employee of Quality Outdoor Products. He was an ordained minister and currently pastored One God Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.
- **Velda "Miss Velda" Hyde**, age 91, of Athens died Sunday at NHC Healthcare of Athens. She was a former employee of Damy Industries and worked at Taco Bell from 1989-2011. Funeral services were held Monday night at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. Burial will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in McMinn Memory Gardens.
- **Sanford Darrell "Pud" McConkey**, age 84, of Englewood died Saturday at Life Care Center of Athens. He was a businessman, licensed stock and investment broker, and farmer. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at McMinn Memory Gardens. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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