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Athens, Tennessee

### State and Local News

#### ◆ NO HATE CRIMES IN McMINN CO. IN 2014

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation has released its "Hate Crime 2014" report. The report shows that police departments across the state reported 340 victims of "bias-motivated" incidents in 2014. There were no reports of hate crimes in the city of Athens or in McMinn County. Meigs County reported three crimes. All three were anti-sexual bias involving simple assault. The TBI classified the crimes as "anti-gender non-conforming bias." Monroe County reported one case of vandalism resulting from what was classified as "anti-not Hispanic or Latino bias."

#### ◆ ROMANCE WAS MOTIVE FOR MURDER PLOT

McMinn County detectives have learned what the apparent motive was that led a McMinn County man to try to hire someone to kill his wife. Charles David Johnson was arrested last week on charges of solicitation and conspiracy to commit first degree murder. He allegedly tried to hire a man to kill his wife. Detectives say the company Johnson works for sent him to Germany for training, and while there he became romantically involved with a German woman. Reportedly, he planned to bring her to the United States. Detectives say Johnson admitted he paid \$1,000 to a man who was supposed to rent a moving van type truck and ram it head-on into his wife's car on Highway 11 between Calhoun and Riceville. If that didn't kill her, he was to douse her car with gasoline and set it on fire. The murder attempt never took place because the alleged hit man reported the plot to police.

### NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Rescuers continue to search for at least 12 people missing in spectacular flash flooding in Texas and Oklahoma that also left at least three dead. The governor of Texas declared a state of emergency in more than two dozen counties on Monday.

◆ At least six flights were impacted by threats at airports in New York, New Jersey and Boston on Monday. The flights were escorted by fighter jets to their potential destinations at JFK, Newark, and Logan Airports.

◆ President Obama honored the sacrifice of U.S. servicemen and women Monday at Arlington National Cemetery. This is the first Memorial Day observance where the country "is not engaged in a major ground war" and the 70th since the end of World War II, the president said.

#### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Farmers Market opens today at the Market Park Pavilion in Downtown Athens. The Farmers Market will be open each Tuesday and Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m.

✓ The annual McMinn County Distinguished Young Women program will take place this next Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Athens City Middle School auditorium. The event is sponsored by The Optimist Club of Athens. The 19 participants are students at McMinn County High School, McMinn Central High School, and Walker Valley High School.

✓ The Sounds of Summer Concert Series kicks off this Saturday at 7 p.m. at Market Park Pavilion in Downtown Athens. The opening concert features the U.S. Army Band, Sonic Fusion.

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## J.L. Cook Alumni Return Home

The J.L. Cook School Heritage Foundation held their annual school celebration this past weekend in Athens.

The activities were held on the former campus of J.L. Cook School. Almost 130 people were present, including former students and their family members. The person traveling the longest distance to attend was W.H. "Bill" Gibson, a 1965 graduate of J.L. Cook. Mr. Gibson and his wife are missionaries in Senegal, West Africa.



(Photo by Harriel Blair)

## WHEN RADIO WAS

Old-time Radio Shows 6:05-7 pm Nightly  
**WYXI AM-1390**

Tonight: **Phil Harris & Alice Faye Show/Academy Award Theater**

## Obituaries

- **Bobbie Jean Swartout**, age 79, of Englewood, died last Friday at her home. She was a retired chief lab technician at Cleveland Community Hospital and later was a substitute teacher. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Green Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.
- **Cecelia Kay "C.K." Townsend Woody**, age 56, of Etowah died Sunday at her home. Memorial services will be held at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 4 to 5 p.m.
- **Marie Womac**, age 89, of Riceville died Sunday. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- **James Therlow Quinn**, age 75, of Athens died Saturday. He owned Jimco Printing Company. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 1 to 3 p.m.

## CLARIDAY RECEIVES AWARD

Sandra Clariday, TWC Professor and Associate Dean for Library and Information Services, has been awarded the Frances Neel Cheney Award. The award is sponsored by the Tennessee Library Association and is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the world of books and librarianship.



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