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Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ TWO DIE IN McMINN COUNTY CRASHES

There were two fatal traffic crashes in McMinn County over this past weekend. The first happened last Friday evening on Highway 163, the Bowater Road, near Calhoun. State Trooper Travis Ryans says 57-year-old David P. Harris of Tellico Plains was traveling east on Highway 163 when for unknown reasons, his pickup truck ran off the right side of the road, went airborne, and struck a large tree. Harris was crushed between the steering column and the seat. He managed to climb out of the truck, but died from his injuries outside the truck. The wreckage was not discovered until Saturday. Trooper Ryans says seat belts might have made a difference.

The second fatal accident happened Sunday afternoon on South Congress Parkway at Dennis Street in Athens. Police say a car driven by Tabatha Jewell made a left turn into the path of a motorcycle operated by 59-year-old Richard Cole of Riceville. Cole was killed. Ms. Jewell was treated at Starr Regional Medical Center for soreness. She has been charged with failure to provide proof of insurance. The investigation is continuing.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce weekly radio show, "Chamber Chat," will air at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI Radio. The special guest will be Emmette Johnson of Johnson's Home Furnishings, a fourth-generation family-owned business and a charter member of the Athens Chamber.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ In the wake of the horrific shooting at an Orlando gay club, Donald Trump has called for a ban on immigration from areas of the world where there is a proven history of terrorism against the United States, Europe or our allies. On the other side, Hillary Clinton plans to establish a dedicated team that is exclusively tasked with tracking and preventing lone wolf terrorists, such as the shooter in Sunday's mass killings.

◆ Queen Elizabeth II and the rest of the Royal Family celebrated her 90th birthday with a parade this past Saturday. She appeared on the balcony of Buckingham Palace as the family watched the Royal Air Force fly past in celebration of her birthday.

◆ The world's longest and highest glass-bottomed bridge over the Zhangjiajie Grand Canyon in China, will open in July of this year. Visitors can walk across the bridge which is more than 1,400 feet long, 20 feet wide, and nearly 1,000 feet above the ground.

◆ Wall Street closed lower Monday as investors continue to wait for a decision from the Fed on interest rates. The Dow fell 132.86 to close at 17,732.48. The Nasdaq fell 46.11 to close at 4,848.44, and the S&P fell 17.01 to close at 2,079.06.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ A Fourth of July Celebration is being planned for Downtown Athens. The American Legion, Camping World, and Blood Assurance invites you to join them for fun, games, food, and music from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. at Market Pavilion. Anyone who would like to participate, including entertainers, churches, etc., should contact Dick Pelley, the American Legion Commander, at 829-5052.



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Vehicle Knocks Out Power

Power was knocked out for several hours Monday morning after a vehicle broke two power poles near the entrance to Madison Place Subdivision on Highway 39 between Athens and Riceville. AUB crews were able to get most customers back on fairly quickly, except for about 150 customers in areas behind Madison Place and down Highway 39 to Hammond's car lot. Their power was out for several hours. AUB's Wayne Scarbrough says a lot of underground maintenance was necessary where the underground power lines were damaged by the accident. Scarbrough says the vehicle that hit the poles left the road, struck one pole, hit a driveway culvert, went airborne, came down, and smacked the second pole. The vehicle then left the scene.

(Photo by Wayne Scarbrough)



Obituaries

- **Richard Edgar Cole**, age 59, of Riceville, died Sunday afternoon as a result of a motorcycle crash. He was a former owner-operator of Rikk's Transport. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Jack Lee Braden, Jr.**, age 55, of Decatur, and formerly of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, died Friday at his home. He was a Veteran of the U. S. Navy and was an employee of Richard Harrell & Sons. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Ziegler Funeral Home.
- **Katherine Lorene King Moore**, age 92, of Niota, died Monday at NHC Healthcare of Athens. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at McMinn Memory Gardens. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

FORMER ATHENIAN GETS PROMOTION

LCpl Dakota Heatherly was recently promoted to the rank of Corporal in the United States Marine Corps. He was also recognized as the Marine of the Quarter for Marine Aircraft Groups 26 and 29. Dakota is a 2011 graduate of McMinn County High School. He is the son of Brian and Tracey Heatherly of Murfreesboro, formerly of Athens. Dakota is currently stationed in New River, North Carolina.



PRE K-3 ENDORSEMENT SUMMER SEMINAR

JUNE 20-24 AT TENNESSEE WESLEYAN COLLEGE

Tennessee Wesleyan will hold a Pre-K endorsement seminar for teachers interested in adding pre-K through 3 to their existing license or looking to add 45 professional development points towards license renewal.

For five days, participants will cycle through sessions that will provide up-to-date early childhood education pedagogy and theory to assist them in passing the Praxis test Education of Young Children (5024).

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