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STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ CONVICTIONS IN 2015 BOATING FATALITY

A collision between a jet ski and a boat that killed Evelyn Katrina Spurling of Englewood in 2015 has resulted in three convictions. Ms. Spurling was a passenger on the jet ski which was operated by Holly Cassandra Wall when it collided with a boat operated by Joseph Perry Wall. There were six passengers on the boat, including Aimee Messmer. Joseph Wall pleaded guilty to vehicular homicide and driver intoxication and was sentenced to eight years in prison. Holly Wall pleaded guilty to reckless homicide and was sentenced to 180 days in jail. Aimee Messmer pleaded guilty to tampering with evidence. Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency Officer Kim Kite spent over three years investigating and collecting evidence which eventually led to the convictions.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ Registration will continue this week for the Shamrock Shuffle 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run at the Eureka Trail this Saturday. The race will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will be "chip timed." Registration is \$25 for the 5K and \$20 for the 1 Mile Fun Run. Registrations will be accepted on the day of the race with a \$5 increase. For more information, call 744-2704.
- ✓ Rusty Rollins, manager of the Athens Food City, will be today's guest on "Chamber Chat" heard at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, AM-1390 and FM-94.5 or [ONLINE](#).

National & World News

◆ Residents of Austin, Texas, are being asked to report any suspicious packages delivered to their homes. Police are investigating three explosions that took place after people handled boxes that had been delivered to their homes. Two people died and two others have been hospitalized with injuries.

◆ Alpha Chi Omega's Theta Chi chapter, a sorority at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania, has been banned from the campus for more than two years after an investigation revealed that drugs, alcohol and sexual activity were part of a scavenger hunt run by the Greek organization. According to the university, the scavenger hunt failed to meet community standards.

MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks were little changed, with no major new developments regarding trade and the steel and aluminum tariffs announced by President Trump last week. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 157 points or 0.6% to 25,179. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 4 points or 0.1% to 2,783, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 28 points or 0.4% to 7,588.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ There will be a Donkey Basketball Game tonight at 7 at the Englewood School Gym. Members of the Englewood Fire Department, the McMinn County Sheriff's Department, teachers and community volunteers will be riding the donkeys. Tickets at the door are \$6 for adults and \$5 for kids.

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Obituaries

- ♦ **Ollie Mae Farris**, 83, of Decatur, died March 10th. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Cottonport Baptist Church, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church. Bowers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Raymond D. McDermott**, age 55, of Niota, died on March 5th. He was employed at Brown Stove Works in Cleveland. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m.
- ♦ **Thomas Martin Aderhold, Sr.**, age 83, of Etowah, died Sunday at his home. He retired from Bowater with 41 years of service and served with the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for several years. He also served in the Tennessee Army National Guard. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Green Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Gary Lynn Short**, age 69, of Madisonville, died Monday at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home of Athens.
- ♦ **Rosmarie Charlotte Kelly**, age 78, of Athens, died Friday at her home. A private graveside service was held on Monday. Companion Funeral Home of Athens was in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Ricky Lee Dow**, age 59, of Athens, died Friday at his home. There will be no formal services. Following his wishes for cremation, he will be returned to his family in their home state of New York. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

Scenes from the Big Blizzard

Today marks the 25th anniversary of the Blizzard of '93. About 19 inches of snow fell overnight on March 13, 1993. Roads were impassible, people were stranded in their homes for several days, and electricity was out for up to a week for some residents of the Athens area. The weight of the snow destroyed several barns and chicken houses. All this happened in the days before digital cameras and Facebook. Few people had cell phones. Cable TV was off the air. The major source of information came from battery powered radios listening to WYXI, WJSQ, and WLAR in Athens, WCLE in Cleveland, and WYGO in Madisonville, who simulcast to provide news coverage of the road conditions, power outages, emergency rescue efforts, information about shelter, and live phone calls. The National Guard was activated to help rescue people who were stranded in their homes. The photos below give some idea of the amount of snow that fell.

◆ ANOTHER BLIZZARD PHOTO

This photo was taken on County Road 708 showing cars covered with snow.



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