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## State & Local News

#### ♦ MOTORCYCLE DEATHS UP IN TENNESSEE

The Tennessee Highway Patrol says motorcycle-related traffic deaths are up. Last year at this time, there were 86 traffic deaths involving motorcycles. This year, there have been 97 deaths so far. The THP says motorcycle riders need to know that a commercial vehicle driver cannot see you in their blind spots. Those areas are called the "NO ZONE." You should not ride your bike in the NO ZONE. None of the motorcycles in the photo below can been seen in the trucker's mirrors or other blind spots. (THP Photo)



# National & World News

◆ The University of Southern California President Max Nikias resigned on Tuesday amid criticism over how he handled sexual abuse allegations levied against a former campus doctor. At least 200 faculty members signed a petition calling for him to step down.

◆ NASA is launching a mission called Parker Solar Probe to get closer than its ever gotten before to the sun. The mission will launch Saturday.

◆ Former Michigan state Rep. Rashida Tlaib won Tuesday's Democratic primary for a U.S. House seat. Tlaib might make history in November. If elected, she would become the first Muslim woman elected to Congress.

**WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** Stocks were marginally lower as the United States announced that it will impose a 25% tariff on an additional \$16 billion of Chinese imports later this month. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 45 points or 0.2% to 25,584. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 1 point or 0.0% to 2,858, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 5 points or 0.1% to 7,888.

#### • COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Meigs County Fair continues in Decatur. On Thursday: Gates open at 5; horseshoe tournament is at 6; Fairest of the Fair pageant takes place at 7 p.m. Admission to the fair is free.



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### **Obituaries**

• Jake Kile, Jr., age 63, of Decatur, died Tuesday. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation Friday from 5 to 7 p.m.

• Othella Wynn, age 92, of Riceville, died Tuesday. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Miracle Deliverance Tabernacle on County Road 677 in Riceville, with the funeral service to follow. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

• Mary Louise Stokes, age 71, of Decatur, died Monday. A celebration of life will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at the Union Grove Baptist Church in Decatur, with visitation from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the church. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

• Maynard Ray Goforth, age 73, of Decatur, died July 28th. At his request, a private graveside service was held Wednesday at Decatur Cemetery. Companion Funeral Home of Athens was in charge.

• Norman "Jack" Ray Bridwell, age 69, of Athens, died Sunday at his residence. Funeral services were held Wednesday evening at Ziegler Funeral Home with burial today in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Decatur.



### There's Room at the Inn

A ribbon cutting was held recently during the Grand Opening of the new Fairfield Inn & Suites at 106 Burkett L. Witt Blvd in Athens. Pictured below, left to right, front row: Edward Goodman, Lisa Harrison, Niota Mayor Lois Preece, Karen Raby, Gabby Rhodes, Henry Piarrot, Evan Monroe (Assistant General Manager), Melody Gibby (Director of Sales), Pat Mosca, Cory Grubb (General Manager), Athens City Manager C. Seth Sumner, Mark Cochran, and Erin Holbrook. Back row: Yvonne Raper, Bo Perkinson, Haley Duncan, Jason Housley, Lauren Shepherd, Lisa Dotson, Ann Davis, Pastor Jerry Millwood, Patti Greek, Skylar Dean, and Rob Preston, Athens Chamber President/CEO.

(Photo by Kay Simmons)



#### TODAY IN HISTORY - AUGUST 9<sup>th</sup>

**1854** - Henry David Thoreau published "Walden," which described his experiences living near Walden Pond in Massachusetts.

**1945** - The United States exploded a nuclear device over Nagasaki, Japan, instantly killing an estimated 39,000 people. The bombing came three days after Hiroshima was bombed.

**1963 -** Singer Whitney Houston was born. Her biggest hit records include "The Greatest Love Of All" and "I Will Always Love You."

**1969** - Actress Sharon Tate and four other people were found murdered in Los Angeles. Cult leader Charles Manson and a group of his followers were later convicted of the crimes.

**1974** - President Richard Nixon's resignation became effective at noon, and Vice President Gerald Ford was sworn in as the nation's 38th President.