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Athens, Tennessee

## Deadliest Highway in Tennessee

A new study has named the deadliest highway in each state. The study is by Geotab, a fleet management business. It used crash data from 2008 to 2017. In Tennessee, the deadliest stretch of highway is Interstate 40 that connects Knoxville, Nashville, and Memphis. Nearly 52 people die on I-40 on average each year.



- ✓ The Athens Regional Planning Commission meets Monday at 12 noon in the Conference Room at the Municipal Building.
- ✓ **LISTENING REMINDER:** The guest on the Main Street Athens radio show, "Main Street Moments," this week is Dana Ferguson with the McMinn County EDA. You can hear the program each Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, FM 94.5 and AM 1390 or [wysi.com](http://wysi.com)

## A History Moment with Joe Guy

Born in 1862 the son of former slaves, Jacob Lincoln "Jake" Cook rose from his humble beginnings to attend Fisk University and Knoxville College, graduating in 1888. Realizing the importance of education for southern black children, Cook returned to Athens in 1891, and with help from the Presbyterian Church founded a small 3-room school for African American students.

Later, a larger building was built near the present site of Laycock-Hobbs Funeral home, where soon teachers from Tennessee, Georgia, Texas, North Carolina, and as far away as the West Indies were recruited to teach the school's students, raising the level of education and turning out leaders in the black community who would go on to be teachers, business owners, government officials, and civic leaders.

Jake Cook never lived to see the full impact of his school, as he passed away in 1903 while teaching in North Carolina. The Athens School burned in 1925, but was replaced the following year by an even larger school that would bear the proud name of J.L. Cook High School.

A giant in African American education, Jake Cook and his first wife Anna Pocahontas are buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

(Joe Guy is the McMinn County Sheriff. He is also the McMinn County Historian and author of several books about McMinn County History)

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### WEATHER FORECAST

**Monday** - 80% rain, and a high of 74  
**Mon. night** - 50% rain, and a low of 54  
**Tuesday** - 20% rain, with a high of 75  
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## More Obituaries

- ♦ **Timothy David "Timmy" Webb**, age 41, of Athens, died Saturday from cancer. A celebration of his life will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Bonnie Louise Hyde**, age 76, of Niota, died Friday at her home. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at the Community Baptist Church with the funeral service to follow at 7. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

## Obituaries

- ♦ **Roy Samuel "Papaw" Wilson**, age 101, of Athens, died last Thursday at Athens Place. He served in the Army during World War II. He was retired from Cox Auto Parts. Funeral services were held Sunday evening at Laycock-Hobbs.
- ♦ **Sally Plumlee Spradling**, age 73, of Meigs County, died Thursday at her home. She had managed the cafeteria at Athens Junior High School and retired from DENSO after 12 years of service. A celebration of life gathering will be held this Saturday, October 12th, in the conference room at Servpro in Athens, 101 S. White Street. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Melvina "Mae" Coleman**, age 63, of Decatur, died Thursday at Erlanger. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## "MISS SCARLET" SURE CAN COOK!

Scarlet Bright was the winner of the Apple Pie baking contest at the Etowah Fall Festival this past weekend.

(Photo by Durant Tullock)



**FOOTBALL SCORES:** MCHS 55, Heritage 14...Loudon 49, McMinn Central 6...Walker Valley 49, Lenoir City 14...Tyner Academy 52, Tellico Plains 0...Red Bank 49, Sweetwater 10... and East Hamilton 72, Sequoyah 13. Meigs County did not play. In college football, Georgia came alive in the second half and defeated the VOLS, 43-14.

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## TODAY IN HISTORY - OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup>

- 1849** - Author Edgar Allan Poe died at age 40.
- 1911** - Singer Vaughn Monroe was born. His many hit records included "Riders In The Sky," and "Let It Snow, Let It Snow." He died in 1973.
- 1916** - The most lopsided football game on record took place when Georgia Tech clobbered Cumberland University of Tennessee, 222 to 0.
- 1957** - Christian singer and song writer Michael W. Smith was born. His best-known songs include "Great Is The Lord" and "Friends."
- 1968** - The Motion Picture Association of America adopted a film-rating system.
- 1985** - Palestinian terrorists hijacked an Italian cruise ship, the "Achille Lauro," with more than 400 passengers and crew off Egypt. They demanded that Israel release 50 Palestinian prisoners. An American, Leon Klinghoffer, was killed before the crisis ended.
- 1996** - Fox News Channel made its debut.