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Athens, Tennessee

State and Local News

♦ ONE DEAD, ONE WOUNDED IN MEIGS CO.

The TBI is investigating a shooting in Meigs County that left one man dead and another man wounded. The Meigs County Sheriff's Office says officers responded to a shooting early Wednesday morning on Moore Cemetery Road. They found Tim Johnson, 52, in the driveway, dead from a gunshot. They found his nephew, Larry Johnson, 27, inside the house on a bed. He had also been shot. He was taken to UT Medical Center and is listed in critical condition. Deputies say the men shot each other. Police say the shooting occurred over the alleged theft of Tim Johnson's prize fighting rooster.

◆ POWER RĂTES TO DROP IN OCTOBER

Despite a TVA increase in base power rates set to take effect on October 1st, Athens Utilities Board says local power rates will decrease. AUB spokesman Wayne Scarbrough says September is part of TVA's summer season, but October is a transition month and transition months have the lowest base rates of the year.

♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ The Athens Kiwanis Club will hold its 63rd Annual BBQ Sale today. Tickets are \$10 and are good for a one pound package of pork. The sale this year will take place in two locations: Market Park Pavilion and Belk Plaza. Proceeds benefit the youth of the Athens community.

✓ The Athens Middle School softball team will have a rummage sale tomorrow from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the front circle drive-thru at the school.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

• The Federal Reserve announced that it is leaving interest rates unchanged.

• General Motors has agreed to a \$900 million settlement and agreed to admit to misleading the public about vehicle safety amid defective ignition switches.

◆ President Obama welcomed the three Americans who thwarted a terrorist attack on-board a train in France in August to the Oval Office Thursday. He credited their courage and teamwork for pinning down the gunman and saving countless lives.

◆ Following a computer glitch, American Airlines flights were grounded at Dallas-Fort Worth, Chicago O'Hare, and Miami Thursday afternoon.

◆ Stocks closed mixed on Thursday as the Fed chose not to raise interest rates. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 65.21 at 16,674.74. The Nasdaq gained 4.71 at 4,893.95, and the S&P 500 finished the session down 5.11 at 1,990.20.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ CASA will present the annual Red Shoe Gala this Saturday at 6 p.m. at St. Mary Parish Family Life Center. The evening will include dinner, a live auction, and dancing to music provided by DJ Keenan Daniel. Proceeds benefit CASA's work with neglected and abused children in the area.

✓ The McMinn Living Heritage Museum presents an American Girl Doll "Movie & Slumber Party" this Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m., and an American Girl Doll Afternoon "Tea Party" on Saturday, Sept. 26th, from 1 to 3 p.m. For information, call 745-0329.





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Church News and Events

- Athens First Baptist Church invites you to hear the Adult Choir and Orchestra as they present the musical worship program, "God With Us," this Sunday at 6 p.m.

- Campmeeting 2015 continues through Sunday at Cambria Baptist Church. The speaker at 7 p.m. Friday is Rev. Frank Hicks, the speaker Saturday night is Rev. Jimmy Price, and the speakers on Sunday are Rev. Sam Boone at 11 a.m. and Rev. Matthew Watson at 6 p.m. There is special music at each service.

- Union McMinn Baptist Church will have revival services starting October 4th. Services will be at 11 a.m. Sunday morning and at 7 p.m. nightly. The evangeiist will be Rev. Rick Atkins. The church is located at 314 County Road 316, Exit 56, Niota. - Athens Lutheran Church will have a Men's Community Bible Study and a Women's Community Bible Study beginning next Monday, Sept. 21st, at 6:30 p.m. The church is located at 710 Forrest Avenue.

- Greater Deliverance Ministries is having a fundraiser softball tournament called "Swing 4 the King" on Saturday, October 24th at Athens Regional Park. The tournament begins at 9 a.m. The registration fee is \$15 per player. To register, call Mary Scudder at 333-9289.

- St. Paul's Episcopal Church will present a webcast with Richard Rohr and Mirabai Starr on "Unitive Consciousness: an Eastern Perspective" next Thursday at 5:30 p.m. • Catherine "Cathy" Ann Wilson Rogers, age 56, of Athens died Wednesday at Kindred Hospital in Chattanooga. She was a CNA for 17 years at Sweetwater Nursing Center. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

Obituaries

• **Bucky L. Jackson**, age 65, died Tuesday at his residence in Etowah. He was retired from Bowater after 25 years and served in the Navy. Memorial services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens.

• **Timothy P. Matthews,** age 57, died Tuesday. Memorial services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens.

• James Lee Morgan, 58, of Crossville (formerly of Athens) died Tuesday. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at Serenity Funeral Home, with visitation from 1-3 p.m.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ You are invited to a discussion with the author of the American Girl book, "Beforever, Maryellen 1954," this Sunday at 3 p.m. in Ensminger Hall at Keith Memorial United Methodist Church. You will be able to talk with the author, Valerie Tripp, via Skype. Refreshments will be provided and 50's attire is welcome.

