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Monday-February 4, 2013

Athens, Tennessee

## Local and State News

### ◆ TEN MILE MAN DIES IN CAR CRASH

Jerry E. Rice, 70, of Ten Mile died last Friday afternoon in a one-car crash on State Highway 304 in northern Meigs County. State Trooper Benjamin Harrison says Rice's car left the roadway, traveled into the yard of a private residence, and struck a tree head-on. Rice was dead at the scene.

### ◆ PROGRESS BEING MADE ON VA CLINIC

Progress continues to be made on the new veterans outpatient clinic that is planned for Athens. During a visit to Athens last week, Congressman Chuck Fleischmann told WYXI Radio and The Morning Fax that the process to acquire a building should be finished in late September or early October. Fleischmann says "it is going to happen," and he says the clinic will help a lot of deserving veterans in the area.



## NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

### ◆ The White House has released a photo showing President

Obama shooting clay targets on the range at Camp David, Maryland. Congresswoman Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee responded by saying the President should invite her to go skeet shooting with him and said, "I bet I'll beat him."



◆ Andre Cassagnes, the inventor of the Etch A Sketch, has died in France at the age of 86. Cassagnes was an electrical technician. He came upon the Etch A Sketch idea in the late 1950's when he peeled a decal from a light switch plate and found pencil mark images had transferred to the opposite face. For generations, children have drawn on Etch A Sketches, which they can shake and then start over.

Video of Cong. Fleischmann's visit to Athens can be seen at: [www.youtube.com/WYXI1390](http://www.youtube.com/WYXI1390)

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### Photos of Award Winners

Several folks were honored at last Thursday night's annual meeting of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce. Some of them are pictured below.



Mother of the Year,  
Bobbye Billings



Business-Professional  
Woman of the Year,  
Kathy Dougherty



Farmer of the Year,  
Russ Carmichael  
(Left)



Young Man of the  
Year, Allen Carter  
(Right)

### Obituaries

**James Earl Hutsell**, age 90, of Decatur and a former resident of Athens died last Wednesday in an assisted living center in Cleveland, Ohio. He was retired from B & O Railroad and served in the Navy during World War II. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Robert Albert Stichler**, age 81, of Niota died last Wednesday at his home. He was a retired Plastic Fabricator and served in the Army. Graveside services will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday at East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery in Knoxville. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.

**Lula Jane Harris**, age 89, of Englewood died Saturday at her home. Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Monday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 6 p.m.

### ◆ SNOW TURNS ROADS INTO SKATING RINKS

Police and emergency responders in McMinn County were swamped with calls when the roads became covered with a thin layer of slippery snow this past Saturday. There were multiple crashes on I-75. Four ambulances were dispatched to a wreck at mile marker 55. There was another injury wreck on Highway 163. Athens police stayed busy with wrecks on Highway 39 East near the city limits. And several vehicles slid off the road at Jones Curve on U.S. 11 between Athens and Niota.

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#### Answers to your Gardening Questions



**Tom Stebbins** is the UT Extension Agent for Hamilton County. Tom teaches a class for 60 new Master Gardeners each year. He answers questions from gardeners and professional landscapers. He is also an advisor to the Chattanooga Association of Landscape Professionals and the Tennessee Valley Beekeepers Association. Tom feels that gardening provides healthy exercise as it teaches us about our food sources and many associated environmental issues.

#### Annuals & Perennials in the Garden

**Ruth Baumgardner**, of Mouse Creek Nursery, is past president of the Perennial Plant Association, speaker on perennial gardening and teacher of Master Gardener courses.



Photo of snow in Decatur on Saturday submitted by Juliet Massey

