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Monday-March 17, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

## State & Local News

### ◆ THE "CATCH OF A LIFETIME"

Two teenagers who were fishing at Blythe's Ferry in Rhea County reeled in what they thought was a turtle. Instead, it turned out to be a large bag filled with \$10,000. Mark Spicer and Dylan Crumbley pulled it ashore and called Rhea County authorities. The money was soaking wet and was colored red. Officials say the money came from a bank robbery in Ooltewah in early December. The red color came from a dye pack that had gone off.

### ◆ JUDGE RULES ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGES

A federal judge in Middle Tennessee has ruled that Tennessee must recognize the marriages of three same-sex couples while their lawsuit against the state works its way through the court system. The three couples were married in states where same-sex unions are legal. After moving to Tennessee, they challenged the state's constitutional amendment banning recognition of such marriages. Judge Aleta Trauger says her order applies only to the three couples. She says she issued the injunction because she feels the couples will be successful in their lawsuit. She says federal courts are moving toward overturning state laws that do not recognize same-sex marriages.

## WORLD & NATIONAL NEWS

◆ The search for that missing Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777 is now concentrated off the western coast of Australia. Authorities have searched the home of the plane's captain and first officer, and they're checking the passenger list to see if anyone on board the plane had flying skills. The police action followed revelations that the plane's communications systems had been manually switched off before the jet veered westward and flew on for hours. Aviation experts say only a skilled pilot would have been able to turn off the communication system and change the plane's direction of flight.

◆ Honda is recalling 900,000 Odyssey minivan models from 2005-2010 because of a possible problem with the fuel pumps which could be a potential fire hazard.

◆ A California man has been sentenced to five years in prison for practicing medicine without a license and promising to cure cancer and AIDS patients.

**SPORTS UPDATE:** There will be no state title this year for the Meigs County High School boys basketball team. The Tigers fell to Memphis Mitchell by a score of 56 to 27 in the State Class A tournament championship game Saturday evening in Murfreesboro. Mitchell got off to a 12-0 lead, and never looked back.

### Pandora Bracelet Event

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### CAR CRASHES INTO HOUSE

The driver of a car lost control while traveling on 8th Street in Etowah last Thursday night and crashed into the front door of a house near the entrance to Mountain View Elementary School. The driver, Douglas Waeltz, was not injured. He was booked into the McMinn County Jail on DUI third offense and reckless endangerment charges.

(Photo by Jay Thomson)



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### Obituaries

**Patricia "Patsy" Mae Boggess Murray**, age 58, of Decatur died this past Friday at her residence. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday.

**Marion Atlas Coleman, Jr.**, age 75, of Athens died last Thursday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. He was owner and operator of Coleman Glass. Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at McMinn Memory Gardens. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

**Helen Elizabeth Thompson**, age 89, of Etowah died Saturday at Life Care Center of Athens. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Green Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

#### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ Southeast TN Legal Services will be at the Etowah Carnegie Library this Thursday, March 20th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. They will provide information for low income parents of minor children in McMinn County on divorce, custody, child support and other family law matters. To make an appointment, call 423-756-0128.
- ✓ The Monroe Area Council for the Arts will present "The Cooke Book: The Music of Sam Cooke" on April 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Hiwassee College in Madisonville. Chicago native Darrian Ford and his band will perform the hits of Sam Cooke, considered by many to be the "man who invented soul."

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