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Monday, August 25, 2014

### State & Local News

#### ◆ WINE AND LIQUOR SALES TO BE ON BALLOT

A referendum to allow package liquor stores in the City of Athens will be on the November ballot. Also, voters in both Athens and Etowah will be able to vote on a referendum which, if passed, would allow the sale of wine in supermarkets and convenience stores beginning in July of 2016. Petitions containing sufficient signatures for those referendums were turned into the McMinn County Election Commission office by last Thursday's deadline. About 60 communities across Tennessee have collected enough signatures to place the supermarket wine sales issue on the ballot. Currently, wine can only be sold in liquor stores. However, the state legislature passed a law earlier this year to allow wine to be sold at retail food stores if citizens give their approval.

#### ◆ CHARGES DROPPED AGAINST PAUL SMITH

Charges against former Athens attorney and judge Paul Smith have been dropped in McMinn General Sessions Court. Smith had been charged with stalking his former caregiver, Unita Massey. Smith said he was only trying to serve a warrant on her for theft of money from his house because the McMinn Sheriff's Office had told him not to call them again. Smith accused Massey of theft and elder abuse. In court last Thursday, both sides agreed to drop the charges. However, Smith won a civil judgment against Massey for theft, and she was ordered to pay him \$160.

### WORLD & NATIONAL NEWS

◆ A large earthquake caused significant damage in California's northern Bay Area early Sunday, sending at least 120 people to hospitals, igniting fires, knocking out power to tens of thousands and sending residents running out of their homes in the darkness.

◆ Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is warning Palestinian civilians to leave immediately any site where militants are operating. Israel flattened a 13-story apartment block in Gaza that was being used by Hamas as a command and control center.

◆ Democrats with presidential dreams are coming to Iowa with little fanfare or recognition. The former senators and governors say they are undeterred by Hillary Clinton's possible run for the White House.

#### ◆ JOBLESS RATE RISES IN THE AREA

The unemployment rate rose in McMinn, Meigs, and Monroe counties in July. The jobless rate in McMinn County went from 8.1% in June to 8.5% in July. The unemployment rate in Meigs County went up slightly from 9.0% in June to 9.1% in July. In Monroe County, the jobless rate in July was 9.3%, up from 8.9% in June.

#### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

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### WEATHER

**Monday** - Partly sunny. 30% rain & t'storms. High-low 80's.  
**Monday night** - Partly cloudy. Low-mid 60's.  
**Tuesday** - Sunny. High-in the upper 80's.  
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Athens, Tennessee

## Storm Destroys "Tent of Meeting"

The storms that blew across McMinn County last Wednesday destroyed the big tent that was being used by Eastanallee Baptist Church to hold services while expansion of their regular church building is taking place. Members of the congregation and other volunteers have pitched in to clean up the damage. The photo to the right shows the tent at a recent service before the storm blew it down. The church is located on County Road 725. The church held services yesterday at the MCHS auditorium.



## Obituaries

• **Mabel Clara Kring Henderson Brown**, age 94, of Athens, died Friday at her home. She was a Board Member and supporter of Morning Star Ministries where she enjoyed volunteering. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Rhea County Memorial Gardens.

### THIS DAY IN HISTORY - AUGUST 25

- 1718** - The City of New Orleans was founded when hundreds of French colonists arrived in Louisiana.
- 1819** - One of the founders of private detective agencies, Allan Pinkerton, was born.
- 1913** - Walt Kelly, creator of the "Pogo" comic strip, was born in Philadelphia.
- 1930** - Sir Sean Connery was born. He is best known as the actor that portrayed James Bond on the silver screen.
- 1944** - Allied troops liberated Paris from the Nazi's in World War II.
- 1950** - President Harry S. Truman ordered the Army to seize control of the nation's railroads to avert a strike.
- 1961** - Singer Billy Ray Cyrus was born. His biggest hit was "Achy, Breaky Heart." He is the father of Miley Cyrus.
- 1978** - The first man to ever **walk** across the English Channel did so on this date. Walter Robinson used shoes shaped like surfboards in his 11½ hour walk.



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