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Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ WRECK SUSPECT IS NOW IN CUSTODY

The man who's blamed for causing the wreck that killed four people on Highway 58 south of Decatur last Friday is now in custody. Bradley County authorities say 34-year-old John Bennett of Decatur is being held in the Bradley County Jail. He turned himself into a bail bondsman early Tuesday morning. She drove him to the jail. She said he told her he had spent several days in the woods since the wreck. He appeared in court Tuesday and bond was set at \$200,000. At this point, he is charged with four counts of leaving the scene of an accident. Bennett fled from the scene after a trailer being pulled behind a dump truck he was driving came unhitched and smashed into two oncoming cars. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon for the driver of one of the cars, 36-year-old Chris Denton of Birchwood. His wife, 62-year-old Paula Stevens, also died. Family members say despite the age difference, their love was real. At the time of the wreck, Denton and his wife were on their way to Erlanger Hospital for treatment of his wife's throat cancer. They had been married for 13 years. The couple in the other car, Andrew Blackford and his fiancé, Samantha Norris, were on their way to visit Blackford's parents for Mother's Day. Samantha Norris was a nurse. Andrew Blackford was a musician who went by the stage name Dru Blake.



NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

- ◆ A group of retired Japanese fishermen have filed a lawsuit against their own government that seeks compensation for failing to disclose records of their exposure to radiation from a series of hydrogen bomb tests called "Operation Castle." The tests were conducted by the U.S. in the Pacific Ocean starting on March 1, 1954.
- ◆ A fourteen-year-old entrepreneur, Taylor Rosenthal, of Alabama, raised \$100,000 to create a First-Aid Vending Machine, which began as an eighth-grade project. Developers say the idea could soon turn into a multi-million-dollar company.
- ◆ Federal prosecutors announced Tuesday that The Justice Department will not seek the death penalty against Abu Ahmed Khattalah, an alleged leader of the Benghazi attacks.
- ◆ Wall Street rallied Tuesday for its biggest gains in weeks as oil prices rebounded. The Dow was up 222.44 at 17,928.35. The Nasdaq was up 59.67 at 4,809.88, and the S&P was up 25.70 at 2,084.39.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ Christ's Legacy Academy officials say this past Saturday's 5K run and Block Party in Market Park in Downtown Athens was a great success. Here's a photo of a dad and his son enjoying the "train" ride at the park.



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Athens, Tennessee

Old Timer's Day at the Park

The Athens Parks Department will hold "Old Timer's Day" at Brody Ellis Field this Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Prof Powers Park. Anyone who has ever coached or played baseball at Brody Ellis Field is invited to attend and be recognized. The photo below shows the 1964 Little League All Stars. 1st row: (L-R) Billy Higgenbotham, Sid Derrick, Jimmy Maxwell, Charles Smith, Jackie Tate, Jerry Knox, Randy Gordy. 2nd row: (L-R) Randy Harrison, Jerry McKinney, Bobby Hunt, Johnny Coffman, Eddie Morris, Sonny Woodcock. 3rd Row: (L-R) Coach Louie Underwood, Butch Raper, Johnny Hickman, Vincent Bohannon and Coach Clint Wilson.



Obituaries

- **Mary Buchanan Baker**, age 68, of Calhoun, died Sunday at her home. Graveside services will be held today at 1 p.m. at Ensor Cemetery in Elizabethton, Tennessee. Visitation was held Tuesday night at Ziegler Funeral Home.
- **Mike Fleming**, age 74, of Covington (and a native of Athens), died this past Sunday at his home after a long battle with Alzheimers. He began working for The Commercial Appeal newspaper in 1974, and had a long career in newspaper, television, and radio in Memphis. He was best known as a popular conservative radio talk show host on Memphis radio. Funeral arrangements have not been announced.
- **Charles Thomas White**, age 68, of Etowah, died Tuesday at Turkey Creek Medical Center. He was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Vietnam War and had hauled cars for Charlie and Scott Cass. Funeral services will be Thursday at 8 p.m. at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. at Bordwine.
- **Lois Newman**, age 94, of Englewood, died Tuesday at McMinn Memorial Nursing Home. Arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.
- **Larry Monroe Wilson**, age 70, of Decatur, died Monday. He was a member of the Knoxville Boiler Makers Union #453. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. at Bowers.
- **Robert Lee McKeenan**, age 59, of Athens, died Monday at his residence. Graveside services will be Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at Cedar Grove Cemetery with visitation from 1 to 3 at Serenity Funeral Home and Cremation Center.

WEATHER

Wednesday - Partly sunny. 40% rain & t'storms. Highs in the lower 80's.

Wed. night - Partly cloudy. 30% rain & t'storms. Lows in the lower 60's.

Thursday - Partly sunny. 50% rain & t'storms. Highs in the mid 80's.

More Weather at: www.wysi.com

TODAY IN HISTORY-MAY 11th

- 1816** - The American Bible Society was formed in New York City.
- 1858** - Minnesota became the 32nd state.
- 1888** - Songwriter Irving Berlin was born Israel Baline in Temun, Russia.
- 1910** - Glacier National Park in Montana was established.
- 1947** - The B.F. Goodrich Co. of Akron, Ohio, announced the development of a tubeless tire.
- 1949** - Israel was admitted to the United Nations.
- 1949** - Siam changed its name to Thailand.
- 1997** - The Deep Blue IBM computer defeated Garry Kasparov to win a six-game chess match between man and machine in New York.
- 1998** - India detonated three underground atomic blasts; its first nuclear tests in 24 years.
- 2004** - A video of an al-Qaida-linked Web site showed the beheading of American hostage Nicholas Berg, who had been kidnapped in Iraq.

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