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Tuesday-August 14, 2012

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ IMPROPRIETY IN 10TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT?

The Chattanooga Times Free Press is running a week-long series on alleged impropriety in the 10th Judicial District, which includes McMinn, Bradley, Monroe and Polk counties. Among the allegations: District Attorney Steve Bebb's office botched cases through ineptness or misconduct, misused taxpayer money, protected police officers and drug agents, and spent taxpayer money on lavish parties. You can read more at: www.timesfreepress.com/justice

◆ CAR IN WHICH WHITWELL MAN DIED

The photo below shows the car in which Bruce Farmer, 74, of Whitwell died last Saturday when he struck three vehicles as he drove south in the northbound lanes of I-75 at mile marker 41. Farmer was dead at the scene. Four other people were injured.

(Photo courtesy of Brandon Ainsworth, Chief of the Riceville Fire Department)



NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Now that all the candidates have been determined, the moderators of the 2012 presidential and vice presidential debates have been announced. PBS's Jim Lehrer will moderate the first presidential debate on October 3rd. Candy Crowley of CNN will host the second--a town hall format--on October 16th. CBS News reporter Bob Schieffer will moderate the third presidential debate on October 22nd. Martha Raddatz of ABC News will host the lone vice-presidential debate on October 11th.

◆ A man whose jet ski broke-down in Jamaica Bay near JFK airport swam towards the only thing he could see, the runway lights. Once he made it to land, Daniel Casillo climbed an 8-foot barbed wire fence and walked undetected through the airport's state-of-the-art Perimeter Intrusion Detection System and across two runways into a Delta terminal. He walked into the airport dripping wet and wearing his bright yellow life jacket. When a Delta employee eventually spotted him, police charged him with criminal trespassing.

◆ Evangelist Billy Graham is responding to treatment for bronchitis and is listed in stable condition at a hospital near his home in North Carolina. A spokesman says the 93-year-old Graham is doing well and was able to watch the closing ceremony of the London Olympics from his hospital bed.

◆ General Motors is recalling 38,000 Chevrolet Impala police vehicles because the lower front control arms could break, causing a possible crash risk. The recall includes 2008-2012 models.



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Who's New In Pink & Blue?

Dustin Cody Miller, Jr., was born August 8th at Athens Regional Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds and 11 ounces and was 21 inches long. His parents are Shaynelle Roberts and Cody Miller of Decatur.

Joshua Caleb Walton was born Aug. 8 at ARMC. He weighed 7 pounds and 14 ounces and was 20½ inches long. His parents are Aundrea and Joshua Walton of Athens.

Levi Terricon Burr was born August 8th at ARMC. He weighed 7 pounds and 5 ounces and was 19½ inches long. His parents are Jessica and Anthony Burr of Decatur.

Meet a New Eagle Scout

Joseph Pascarella received his Eagle Scout badge at a Court of Honor ceremony at Keith Memorial United Methodist Church this past Sunday.

Joseph is pictured with his proud parents, Lou and Marty Pascarella. On the left is Mike



Aikens, Scoutmaster of Troop 118. (Photo by Chris & Bruce Hari)

Obituaries

Bruce Wilson Collins, age 76, of Athens died last Friday at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. He retired from United Airlines after 30 years as a pilot. Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at East Athens Baptist Church, with visitation from 1 to 3 p.m. at the church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

Bernice Thompson Marler, age 80, of Athens died Saturday at NHC of Athens. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

Clifford L. Wilson, age 92, of Athens died Sunday at Life Care of Athens. He was a former employee of Harrod's Grocery Store for 20 years and was retired from Cook's Grocery Store. Funeral services will be at 12 noon Tuesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, prior to the service at Laycock-Hobbs.

Kelly Elaine Blankenship Webb, age 43, of Athens died Sunday. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Englewood Church of God with visitation from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the church. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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