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LOCAL & AREA NEWS

♦ ATHENS CITY COUNCIL TID BITS

The Athens City Council held its monthly meeting Tuesday night. Here's a summary of what happened:

- The monthly VIVID (Very Important Volunteer Individual) Award was presented to Susan and Dennis Laugherty for their work with the Downtown Business Association on such activities as Old Fashioned Downtown Christmas, MooFest, and Pumpkintown.
- Athens Fire Chief Jim Dyer reported that firefighters responded to five residential fires, four vehicle accidents, one trash fire, and 15 false alarms in December. Other calls included assisting ambulance personnel in lifting patients, unauthorized burning, a chemical spill on I-75, and a natural gas leak. Losses totaled \$127,300.
- Athens Police Chief Chuck Ziegler presented the crime report for 2010 which showed there were no homicides, 29 robberies, 269 assaults, 208 burglaries, 726 thefts, 43 thefts of motor vehicles, 390 drug cases, and 6,277 moving violations. There were no traffic fatalities in the city last year.
- Scott Shankle advised he has sold four Valley Marts in Athens. Their new name will be Ian's Markets.
- City Council members were made aware of a letter written by a couple from Michigan who had car trouble while passing through the Athens area. They praised Roy Pritchett and the crew at Downtown Automotive Service Center for making quick repairs and talked about the friendly people at Hardee's downtown. They said they will never forget the Southern Hospitality they experienced in Athens.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

- ♦ Swiftly honoring a campaign pledge, newly empowered Republicans pushed legislation to repeal the nation's year-old health care overhaul through the House last night, 245-189, brushing aside likely opposition in the Senate and a veto threat from the president.
- ♦ The United States and China unveiled \$45 billion in export deals Wednesday as Presidents Obama and Hu Jintao launched talks aimed at easing rifts between the two countries over trade, currencies, and security. Among the deals, China will purchase 200 Boeing aircraft.
- ♦ A Pennsylvania doctor who gave abortions to minorities, immigrants, and poor women, in what prosecutors described as a "house of horrors" clinic, has been charged with eight counts of murder. The charges involve the deaths of a patient and seven babies who were born alive and then killed with scissors. Prosecutors say Dr. Kermit Gosnell made millions of dollars over 30 years performing as many illegal abortions as he could.
- ♦ There are reports that Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords will be moved to a rehabilitation center in Houston, Texas, on Friday. Giffords has been recovering from a gunshot wound to the head suffered on January 8th.
- ♦ Former Peace Corps Director Sargent Shriver has died at a Maryland hospital at the age of 95. He was the brother-in-law of John, Robert, and Teddy Kennedy.
- ♦ Senator Joe Lieberman of Connecticut says he will retire next year, ending a career in which he became the Democrat party's vice-presidential nominee, and six years later ran as an independent.



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Stonehaus Deli & Bakery, 601 Madison Ave. (745-9116) Taco Salad, \$5.99; Lasagna with Meat Sauce, \$4.99; Meat Loaf with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, \$4.99. Healthier Option: Steak Salad, \$5.99 Soup: White Chicken Chili. Don't forget, we're open for "Sunday Brunch."

BOjangles Famous Chicken & Biscuits-S. Congress Parkway (744-5292) January Specials: Breakfast--2 Chicken Biscuits for \$4. Anytime: 12 piece Box + 6 Biscuits, just \$12.99. Get \$5 off a 50 piece Supreme Platter. Our 32 oz. Tea is still just 99¢.

Western Sizzlin Steak House-1804 Decatur Pike (745-2626) Thursday (All Day): 8 oz. Sizzlin' Top Sirloin with Potato, Bakery, & Dessert Bars, \$6.99. 10 ounce RIB EYE STEAK with Potato, Bakery, & Dessert Bars, \$9.99. Homemade rolls made daily!





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Restaurant Inspection Scores

The following Athens restaurants were inspected in December. A grade of 70 and above is passing.

Double O - 96

Buddy's Bar-B-Q - 93

Firehouse Subs - 92

Captain D's - 91

Monterrey's #2 (Decatur Pike) - 91

Asahi - 89

Western Sizzlin' - 88

Gondolier - 88

Ruby Tuesday - 88

Mexi-Wing II (Decatur Pike) - 87

Waffle House - 87

Sonic - 86

Applebees - 78

Obituaries

Vida Mae Rucker, age 97, of Etowah died Tuesday at her daughter's home. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

Edgar B. Bohannon, Jr., 86, of the Rogers Creek Community near Athens, died Wednesday at Erlanger Medical Center. He was the owner of Dooley Tractor Co. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Raymond Vincent Bohannon, Jr., age 59, of Nashville (and a former McMinn County resident) died last Sunday. A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. (CST) Saturday at Brentwood-Roesch-Patton Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Bike Trails Brochure Available

> The Tennessee Overhill Heritage Association has published a brochure titled **Bike Trails in the Tennessee Overhill.** The brochure highlights 15 mountain bike trails that range from easy to difficult, all located in the Cherokee National Forest.

> The brochure is free. To get a copy, contact Tennessee Overhill at 423-263-7232 or visit the office at the L&N Depot in Etowah. The brochure will also be available at the Cherohala Skyway Visitor Center, Ocoee Whitewater Center, and the Cherokee National Forest ranger stations.

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8:45 a.m. & 4:10 p.m.

WEATHER

Thursday - Partly cloudy. High-upper 40's to low 50's. **Thurs. night** - 70% rain & snow showers. 2" possible.

Friday - Partly sunny. Highmid 30's. Flurries possible. More WX at: www.wyxi.com

Low-mid 20's.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY-January 20

1669 - Susannah Wesley was born. She was the mother of 19 children, including John Wesley who founded the Methodist Church.

1894 - Harold Gray, creator of the "Little Orphan Annie" comic strip, was born.

1896 - Comedian George Burns was born.

1922 - Bandleader Ray Anthony was born. His hit records included "Dragnet," "Bunny Hop," and "Peter Gunn."

1924 - Singer Slim Whitman was born. The incomparable singer's hit records include "I ndian Love Call," "Secret Love," and "Una Paloma Blanco."

1930 - Astronaut Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, the second person to walk on the moon, was born.

1937 - Franklin D. Roosevelt was inaugurated. Ever since, presidents have been inaugurated on January 20th.

1965 - Country singer John Michael Montgomery was born. His hits include "I Swear" and "I Love the Way You Love Me."

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