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Monday-March 14, 2011

Athens, Tennessee

## State & Local News

### ◆ CHARGERETTES WIN STATE TITLE

The McMinn Central Chargerettes have won their very first state basketball championship. The Central girls defeated Macon County, 48-37, Saturday night to win the State AA title. Elizabeth Masengil scored 21 points and Jenna Adams scored 13. The Chargerettes end the season with 35 wins, one loss, and a state title.

### ◆ LADY BULLDOGS LOSE IN NAIA TOURNAY

The Tennessee Wesleyan College Lady Bulldogs 22-game winning streak came to an end last Friday night with a loss to Morningside College in the second round of the NAIA Division II national basketball tournament at Sioux City, Iowa. The score was 80-67. Heather Gibson scored 21 points for Wesleyan.

### ◆ JOBLESS RATE UP IN ALL 95 COUNTIES

The unemployment rate went up in January in all 95 of Tennessee counties. Scott County had the state's highest jobless rate at 23.2%. Williamson County registered the state's lowest rate at 6.7%. The unemployment rate in McMinn County was 12.8% in January, up from 11.7% in December. Meigs County's jobless rate in January was 13.4%, up from 11.9% in December. Unemployment in Monroe County was 14.7% in January, up from 13.7% in December.

## NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Japanese authorities say the death toll from last week's earthquake and tsunami may top 10,000. Survivors in the devastated area don't have water, electricity or proper food. Nuclear plant operators are frantically working to keep temperatures down in hopes of averting multiple reactor meltdowns. More than 170,000 people have been evacuated from areas around the plants.

◆ TVA officials are monitoring the nuclear power plant situation in Japan closely. TVA says all six of its nuclear reactors are located in areas that are not prone to frequent or extremely large earthquakes. TVA says its reactors are designed to withstand an earthquake of larger magnitude than any recorded in the geographic region. The Watts Bar and Sequoyah Nuclear plants are each built to withstand a 5.9 magnitude earthquake, which is considered to be moderate. Browns Ferry in Alabama is designed to withstand a strong earthquake of up to a magnitude of 6.9.

◆ New York police are investigating a tour bus driver's claim that a truck ran him off the road and caused his bus to slide into a sign pole, killing 14 people. Witnesses say the bus was speeding before Saturday's crash on I-95.

◆ Doctors say Rep. Gabrielle Giffords can now talk in short sentences, can walk with some help, and now knows she was shot.

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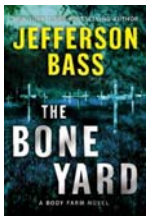

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**at 7:00 p.m.**  
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 No presentations on Monday, March 14th or Thursday, March 17th

Author  
**Jefferson Bass**  
 (Dr. Bill Bass/  
 Jon Jefferson)  
 will appear at  
 Athens Jr. High  
 School, March  
 17th @ 7 p.m.  
 Admission \$5.  
 Call E.G. Fisher Public Library  
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## Community News

◆ The first section of the new road between Athens and Etowah has now been opened to motorists. The photo by Jay Thomson shows the new bridge on Highway 30 near the McMinn County Airport.



◆ Another successful bluegrass festival was held in Etowah. The 17th Annual Cousin Jake Memorial Bluegrass Festival took place this past Saturday at the Gem Theater. The photo shows the headliner, the Kenny and Amanda Smith Band.



◆ The Athens Area Council for the Arts will present The Nashville Shakespeare Festival production of *SHAKESPEARE'S CASE* at 7:30 tonight at The Arts Center. Tickets are \$8 and the performance is appropriate for ages 12 and up. The production runs one hour and 15 minutes without intermission.

## Obituaries

**Robert H. Middleton**, age 77, of Englewood died Saturday at his residence. He was a former Mayor of Englewood and served on the Englewood City Council for 22 years. He owned the Big Bee Burger Restaurant on Highway 411 in Englewood for 30 years. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Englewood United Methodist Church, with visitation from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the church. Smith Funeral & Cremation Service of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

**Margaret Jenkins Leach**, age 83, of Athens died last Thursday. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Cedar Grove Cemetery. The family will be at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home after 1 p.m. Monday.

**Cody Cross**, age 19, of Birchwood died last Thursday in a traffic wreck. He was employed by Ken Garner Manufacturing in Chattanooga and was a volunteer for the Highway 58 Fire Department. Funeral services were held Saturday at Ralph Buckner Funeral Home in Cleveland.

**Millie Edna Owens Stafford**, age 55, of Athens died last Friday at Park Ridge Medical Center. The family will receive friends from Noon until 2 p.m. on Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

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### THIS DAY IN HISTORY-MARCH 14

**1794** - Inventor Eli Whitney received a patent for the cotton gin.

**1804** - Johann Strauss, Austrian composer, was born. He was the originator of the Viennese Waltz. His compositions include "The Blue Danube Waltz," "Tales From The Vienna Woods," and the "Waltz From Die Fledermaus."

**1864** - Casey Jones, the legendary railroad engineer, was born in Kentucky. On the night of April 29th, 1900, he pulled out of Memphis as the engineer on the "Cannonball Express." About 4 a.m. near Vaughn, Mississippi, he spotted a freight train stopped on the tracks up ahead. He shouted to his fireman to jump, but he stayed in the engine's cab. His body was found in the wreckage, one hand on the whistle cord and the other on the brake. Casey's name was immortalized by a friend who wrote a ballad memorializing his deed. Eddy Arnold recorded a hit record titled "Casey Jones (The Brave Engineer)."

### WHEN RADIO WAS

**Old-time Radio Shows**  
**6:05-7 pm Nightly**  
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**Tonight:**  
**My Favorite Husband**  
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