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Tuesday-January 17, 2012

Athens, Tennessee

## State & Local News

### ◆ 2011 TRAFFIC DEATHS LOWEST IN 48 YEARS

The Tennessee Highway Patrol says the state recorded the fewest traffic fatalities in 48 years in 2011. There were 947 traffic-related deaths on Tennessee roadways last year. That's the lowest figure since 1963 when 941 people died. Troopers are concerned, though, about the lack of seat belt usage. Last year, 56.3% of the vehicle occupants killed in Tennessee were not wearing safety restraints.

### ◆ GOVERNOR HASLAM TO VISIT ATHENS

Governor Bill Haslam will visit Athens this Thursday morning. He'll participate in a special event at Tennessee Wesleyan College titled "Breakfast with the Governor". The Athens Public Works Department advises that College Street will be closed from North Jackson Street to Long Street from 7:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Thursday.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Athens City Council's monthly meeting will be tonight at 7 in the Burkett Witt Council Chambers at the Municipal Building.
- ✓ The monthly meeting of MADCAT will be held on Wednesday, January 18th, at the Athens Diner at noon. The speaker will be Robin Nation of Women at the Well Ministries.
- ✓ The three leaf vacuum trucks will be finishing up in the Downtown Athens to Cook Drive to Madison Avenue area this week. If your leaves have not been picked up, you should call 744-2745.
- ✓ The McMinn-Meigs Agriculture Roundtable will meet this Thursday at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's. The guest speaker will be Charles Byrd from the McMinn County Farm Bureau.

## NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ And now there are five. Jon Huntsman has dropped out of the Republican presidential race and has endorsed Mitt Romney. Polls showed Huntsman was running dead last in South Carolina, even behind comedian Stephen Colbert who isn't even on the ballot.

◆ A Minnesota couple, Jerry and Barbara Heil, are among the 16 people still missing after an Italian cruise ship ran aground and rolled onto its side last Friday. Six bodies have been found so far. There were 4,200 people aboard the huge ship. The ship's owners blame human error by the captain for the disaster.

◆ The founder of the Cracker Barrel Old Country Store chain, Danny Evins, has died in Lebanon, TN at the age of 76. Evins opened his first Cracker Barrel in 1969. The restaurant catered to highway travelers and focused on offering the Southern hospitality, country-style cooking, and the gift shop that came to define the chain. He fashioned the restaurant after the country stores of his youth in rural Tennessee.

◆ A New York man says he nearly had an asthma attack after opening his mail to find a \$44 million medical bill from his hospital for treatment of pneumonia. The hospital botched the billing.

◆ A new study warns that the use of the street drugs known as "bath salts" can lead to a ravaging flesh-eating disease known as necrotizing fasciitis. The bath salts are injected into the users' veins. A report in the journal "Orthopedics" describes a case where the disease spread so rapidly that doctors had to amputate a woman's arm, shoulder, and collarbone and do a radical mastectomy.



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## Restaurant Spotlight

**Western Sizzlin Steak House-1804 Decatur Pike (745-2626)**  
 Tuesday, (11a-4p) 6 oz. Chicken Breast + Salad, Potato, Bakery, & Dessert Bars, \$7.99. Monday-Thursday (All Day) 10 oz. New York Strip with Potato, Bakery, & Dessert Bars, \$11.29.

**Tosceno Pizza & Italian Grill, Ingles Shopping Center, Athens 746-9900. LUNCH SPECIAL: 11am-2:30pm - Pick up or dine-in only ! Spaghetti, Ravioli, Manicotti, Stuffed Shells. Salad not included. \$5.99.**

**BOjangles Famous Chicken & Biscuits-S. Congress Parkway (744-5292) January Specials »» STEAK BISCUITS 99¢ each. Lunch: 5 Meals for \$5 each. 12 Piece Box with 6 Biscuits for just \$11.99. Our 32 oz. Tea is still just 99¢.**

**The McMinn County Republican Party**  
 Invites you to "Meet & Greet" the candidates  
 for Property Assessor. **TONIGHT 5:30-7:30 p.m.**  
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Annual Horse Meeting  
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### A Glimpse of Athens Past

Some old-timers may remember the old Athens Roller Mill which stood for years in what is now Veterans Park in downtown Athens. The photo to the right shows the mill, which used water from Oostanula Creek to turn the stones that ground grain into flour.

According to information from historian and author Bill Akins and other sources, the mill was built by David Cleage, who sold it to the Long brothers in the early 1800's. In the late 1800's, they installed machinery using metal rollers rather than stone to grind the grain.

The Long brothers also added a generator at the mill which supplied the power for the street lights in the city of Athens. They had a contract with the city to produce the power. One time when the city council was trying to renegotiate the contract, the Longs went to the mill and shut down the generator, putting the city into darkness. Also, the first Athens telephone office was at the mill.

Athens Parks Director Austin Fesmire says the Veterans Park Plaza is now located where the mill stood. When some repairs were being made to the old plaza in 2002, workers noticed a hollow sound. Fesmire dropped a stone in a hole near the old fountain and after falling for a couple of seconds it hit water. That's when they found the basement of the old building. The basement was filled in and a new plaza was built.

### Athens Roller Mill



### HOW TO HAVE A TEA PARTY

The Etowah Arts Commission is offering a class on "The Art of Tea." Elaine Newman of the Majestic Mansion Bed and Breakfast will teach you how to brew, serve, pair, and enjoy tea. The class will be from 1 to 3 p.m. January 28th at the L&N Depot Portico Room. The cost is \$22 and includes tea. The class is for all ages, with a maximum of 20 people. Call 263-7608 to register.

### WEATHER

**Tuesday** - Cloudy. 70% rain. Highs in the lower 60s.  
**Tuesday night** - Mostly cloudy. 30% rain. Low-33.  
**Wednesday** - Mostly sunny. Colder. Highs in the mid 40s.  
More Weather & Zoom  
Radar at: [www.wycli.com](http://www.wycli.com)

### THIS DAY IN HISTORY-Jan. 17

**1706** - Benjamin Franklin, American statesman, inventor, and scientist, was born. He was the only man who signed all four of the key documents in American history: the Declaration of Independence, the Treaty of Alliance with France, the Treaty of Peace with Great Britain, and the U.S. Constitution. He also published "Poor Richard's Almanac" which contained many wise and witty sayings, such as "Early to bed and early to rise, make a man healthy, wealthy, and wise."  
**1899** - Gangster Al Capone was born in Italy. During the 1920's, his gang of mobsters dominated bootlegging, gambling, and other illegal activities in Chicago.  
**1917** - The U.S. bought 50 of the Virgin Islands from Denmark for \$25-million. Britain bought the rest of them.  
**1927** - Singer Ertha Kitt was born. Her biggest hit record was "Santa Baby." She appeared as "Catwoman" on TV's "Batman."

### FOCUS ON THE FAMILY



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