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## Today's News...This Morning

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## Local & State News

### ◆ HOTEL MAY LOCATE IN REGIONAL PARK

Athens Parks Director Austin Fesmire says a hotel operator has approached him about the possibility of locating a hotel near the conference center at the Athens Regional Park. Fesmire says there are a few hurdles that would have to be addressed, including getting permission from the state to convert some 2 to 2.5 acres of land behind the conference center for non-recreation use. Fesmire says the hotel operator has asked to remain anonymous at this point.

### ◆ FATAL WRECK REPORTED ON I-75

A single vehicle wreck on the northbound side of Interstate 75 at the 59 mile marker around 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, resulted in the death of one person. Rescue personnel reported that the vehicle rolled-over and trapped at least one person inside. Other passengers were apparently injured as well. The Tennessee Highway Patrol investigated the wreck. The identification of the victim was not released, pending notification of next of kin.

✓ The McMinn County Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting this Thursday at 7 p.m. at McMinn Central High School. The public is invited to attend.

## NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ As protesters chanted in the gallery and thousands rallied outside, the Republican-majority Michigan legislature gave final approval on Tuesday to "right-to-work" restrictions on public sector unions. This makes membership and payment of union dues voluntary.

◆ House Speaker John Boehner urged President Obama to name specific cuts in government spending he would support and accused him of slow walking negotiations to avoid the fiscal cliff. Boehner said, we're broke, and the plan we offered is consistent with the president's call for a balanced approach.

◆ George Zimmerman asked permission to remove the GPS tracking device so he can be free to travel outside of Seminole County while awaiting his trial. Zimmerman's request was denied and he will be required to continue wearing the GPS tracker and remain in Seminole County, except when he visits his attorneys in nearby Orange County.

◆ Forty-seven incoming members of Congress met Tuesday at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government's congressional issues conference to learn "how to be a representative." This conference provides an opportunity to gain important guidance from current and former representatives.

◆ A global study released Tuesday revealed American fourth-graders are performing better than they were four years ago in math and reading, but students four years older do not show this performance progress. Commissioner Jack Buckley of the National Center for Education Statistics states there is less improvements over time with older students.



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Athens, Tennessee

### COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

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✓ The Athens Municipal Building and Public Works will be closed on Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 24th and Dec. 25th. The residential garbage route for Dec. 24th will be picked up on Wednesday, Dec. 26th. The Tuesday, Dec. 25th route will be picked up on Wednesday, Dec. 26th. The Wednesday, Dec. 26th route will be picked up on Thursday, Dec. 27th and Thursday & Friday, Dec. 27th and Dec. 28th routes will be picked up on Friday Dec. 28th.

✓ The McMinn Central Charger Concert Band will have a dinner and concert this Friday, Dec. 14th at Central High School. The dinner starts at 5:15 p.m. and the concert begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each; \$5 each for the concert only. 263-7548 or 506-1839.

#### ◆ CRUISE-INS TO MOVE TO MARKET PARK

The Athens Travelers Car Club has asked the City Council for permission to hold its monthly Downtown Cruise-Ins in Market Park instead of on the streets around the Courthouse Square. Club spokesman Danny Richesin says holding the Cruise-Ins at Market Park would require only closing Jackson Street from Green Street to Madison Avenue and the parking lot adjacent to the Market Park and restroom facility.

### OBITUARIES

**Mary Sue Stewart**, age 70, of Etowah, died Monday, at U.T. Medical Center. She was an employee of the McMinn County Economic Development Authority. A funeral service will be held at 8 p.m. Friday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m., prior to the service.

### Tuesday's Market Closings

U.S. stocks edged higher on Tuesday as investors awaited the results of a two-day policy meeting at the Federal Reserve. Paring the gains was a statement from Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid who said it will be hard to reach a deal to the fiscal cliff before Christmas. In other news, German investor sentiment increased to a seven-month high in December as Europe's largest economy looks to gain momentum into next year. U.S. Treasury prices ended the day lower. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 78.56 at 13,248.44, the Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 9.29 at 1,427.84, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 35.34 at 3,022.30. In commodity markets, the spot price of gold fell \$2.95 to \$1,710.00, the spot price of silver fell \$0.31 to \$32.96, and crude oil prices rose \$0.32 to \$85.88.

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### Today In History, Dec. 12

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- 1901** - A radio message was transmitted across the Atlantic Ocean for the first time. The message was in Morse Code and consisted simply of the letter "S."
- 1915** - Singer and actor Frank Sinatra was born.
- 1925** - The first motel was opened in California.
- 1938** - Singer Connie Francis was born. Her big Christmastime hit was "It's Baby's First Christmas."
- 1941** - Singer Dionne Warwick was born. Her hit records include "I'll Never Fall In Love Again" and "That's What Friends Are For."
- 1975** - Sara Jane Moore pleaded guilty to trying to kill President Gerald R. Ford.
- 2003** - Keiko, the killer whale made famous by the "Free Willy" movies, died in a Norwegian fjord.

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