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Friday-January 25, 2013

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ THREE HURT IN HIGHWAY 39 CRASH

Three people were taken to hospitals after a three-car crash on Highway 39 near County Road 429 just outside of Englewood Wednesday afternoon. One car was traveling eastbound and the other two vehicles were going westbound. One vehicle hit the rear of another, and knocked it into the third vehicle. Two drivers were taken to Woods Memorial Hospital and one to Athens Regional Medical Center. (Photo by Jay Thomson)



NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ In a statement issued on Thursday, North Korea described the United States as its "sworn enemy" and announced plans for a third nuclear test and more tests of long-range missiles in the months ahead. North Korea's military capabilities are among the most profound national-security issues facing the U.S.

◆ A puzzling spinning star, discovered by scientists, is spontaneously switching between two very different personalities. It flips between emitting strong X-rays and emitting intense radio waves. The new-found star is the first example of variability in X-rays.

◆ A ban on women serving in combat has been lifted by Defense Secretary Leon Panetta stating that women have become an integral part of the military's success.

◆ Testifying at his confirmation hearing, Sen. John Kerry, President Obama's nominee for Secretary of State, said the United States will do what it must to prevent Iran from developing a nuclear weapon while cautioning that diplomacy remains a viable option with Tehran.

◆ Democrat Senator Diane Feinstein has introduced on the Senate floor a bill that will ban the sale, transfer, manufacturing and importation of 158 semi-automatic weapons with at least one military feature. It would also ban fixed magazines that are capable of holding more than 10 rounds. The National Rifle Association said Feinstein's plan neglects to address other issues spurring gun violence and it infringes on second amendment rights.

◆ Here's the Top Five Jobs for 2013: ① Accountant ② Software Developer ③ Personal Financial Advisor ④ Public Relations Specialist ⑤ Nursing.

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Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The Athens Fire Department responded to 35 calls in December. One call was to a commercial business, two were to residences, five were vehicle accidents, and five were false alarms. Total dollar losses for December were \$19,000. For the year 2012, Athens firemen responded to 460 calls. That was down from 488 in 2011. Total losses for the year were \$300,500. That was down sharply from \$610,405 in 2011.
- ✓ An exhibit titled "Vanishing Appalachia" continues at the McMinn Living Heritage Museum through February 28th. The exhibit features photographs by Don Dudenbostel and field recordings by Tom Jester.
- ✓ The Athens Public Works Department advises that the Yellowbook's Foothills Area Directory will be delivered in Athens beginning on February 25th. The yellowbooks are 100% recyclable at the Recycle Center on Rocky Mount Road in the single stream bins. Residents of Athens who do not want to receive a copy of the yellowbook in the future can opt-out by calling 1-800-929-3556.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

The following schools will be closed Friday, Jan. 25th: Athens City, Etowah City, McMinn County, Meigs County, Fairview Christian Academy, & Christ Legacy Academy. Be sure to bookmark the following link for more closings and cancellations:
www.wyxi.net/cancellations&closings.htm

Obituaries

Clifford "Gene" West, age 84, of Athens, died Thursday at Athens Regional Medical Center. He was a retired truck driver and served in the US Navy. A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

Update on Polk Co. Drownings

The body of 6-year-old Lazarus Alley was found yesterday afternoon in the water of Conasauga Creek. The bodies of his father, 36-year-old Nick Alley, and his sister, 6-year-old Helana, are still missing. The three went missing on January 16th when the boat they were in with 3 other children, capsized in high flood waters. Rescue team members say they will continue their search of the creek, at least through this weekend, in an attempt to find the bodies of the other two family members.

Church News and Events

- ~ The Chandlers from Greenfield, TN, will appear at The Pentecostals of Athens, 725 Leveck Street, this coming Sunday night at 6:30 p.m.
- ~ Cambria Baptist Church will have a "Saturday Night Singing" on Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. featuring Mike Upright, Journey Home, and Michael White.



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THIS DAY IN HISTORY-January 25

- 1759 - Scottish poet Robert Burns was born. He wrote the song "Auld Lang Syne."
- 1858 - The wedding march was played for the first time. The wedding march comes from the Richard Wagner opera, "Lohengrin."
- 1915 - Transcontinental telephone service was inaugurated in a hookup between New York and San Francisco.
- 1924 - The first Winter Olympic Games began on this day.
- 1934 - "Public Enemy Number One"--John Dillinger--was captured at Tucson, Arizona. Dillinger was a bank robber and killer.
- 1938 - Singer Etta James was born. Her biggest hit was "At Last." She died Jan. 20, 2012, at the age of 73.
- 1971 - Charles Manson and three of his female followers were found guilty of the murders of actress Sharon Tate and six other people in Los Angeles.

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