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Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

### State & Local News

#### ◆ BELL GETS DEATH THREAT OVER VOTE

At least four of the seven members of a senate panel that killed Gov. Haslam's Insure Tennessee proposal are finding themselves at the receiving end of protests and even threats of bodily harm. Sen. Mike Bell of Riceville says he's been getting phone calls and e-mails ever since the vote. He says one caller warned that Bell probably should "fear for his life." Tomorrow, a group of Insure Tennessee supporters will launch a 70-mile four-day walk across Senator Bell's district, which includes McMinn County. They're hoping their "Insure Tennessee Journey for Justice" will draw attention to the fact that 280,000 Tennesseans have no insurance.

#### ◆ ICE STORM HAMPERS ROAD WORK

McMinn County Highway Commissioner Dan Evans says it may take months to recover from the effects of the ice storm in February. Evans says his crews have been tied up since the storm removing fallen trees on the county right of way. He says the bridge project on County Road 460 has been delayed due to the weather. He is hoping the good weather this week will allow them to move ahead with that project. Evans also says his crews will be doing a cross drain replacement on County Road 537 this week.

### NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ At the Boston Marathon bombing trial, Watertown Police Officer Joseph Reynolds testified, "It felt like there were hundreds of rounds" being fired at him by Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev. The shootout with police ended with Tamerlan Tsarnaev's death and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's brief escape into a boat stored in someone's backyard.

#### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ MADCAT (McMinn Anti-Drug Coalition Aiding Teens) will hold its monthly meeting tomorrow, March 18, at noon in the back room of Michael's Restaurant in Athens.
- ✓ The VA Tennessee Valley Healthcare System leadership will host a Veteran Town Hall Meeting from 2 to 4 p.m. at the VFW Post on North Congress Parkway in Athens on March 24. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss initiatives to improve quality and access to care in the Athens area and to hear from veterans. Veterans Benefits Administration representatives will also be on hand to help track the status of claims and answer specific questions a veteran may have.

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## More Food for the Pantry

About 70 people have a little more food in their pantry or on their table as a result of this past Saturday's "food giveaway" sponsored by the United Methodist Men from Trinity Methodist Church. Boxes of food were handed out on a first-come, first-served basis at the former Badcock Furniture store in the Madison Park Shopping Center. Vehicles were lined up well in advance of the giveaway, which started at 10 a.m. Sixty-five boxes of food were given away in the first ten minutes. (Photo by John Proffitt)



## Obituaries

- **Geneva Sue Knox Axley**, age 84, of Athens died Saturday at NHC of Athens. She was retired from Cook Paper Box Company. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Cleo W. Colbaugh**, age 87, of Etowah died Sunday at his home. He worked with TVA in construction until his retirement. He served in the Army during World War II. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Greenhill Cemetery, with visitation from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Tuesday at Smith Funeral Home.
- **Patrick Wayne Burchfield**, age 60, of Athens died Sunday at his home. He worked at Athens Utilities Board. He also sang with the Gospel group, The Liner Funeral, for several years. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m.
- **Earl Patterson**, age 70, of Dallas, Texas, died March 15 in Dallas. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Queen Patterson, three sons, and their families. He was formerly from Athens. He is survived locally by three brothers, Jerry "Bruno," Darrell, and Panky. He coached hundreds of young men in football and baseball programs in Athens in the 1970's and 1980's. Funeral services will be held in Dallas later this week.
- **James Garland Brackett**, age 82, of Athens died Monday at his home. He retired from Plastic Industries. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m.



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## TODAY IN HISTORY - March 17

**This is St. Patrick's Day. According to legend, St. Patrick charmed the snakes out of Ireland and into the sea. He was chiefly responsible for converting the Irish people to Christianity and founded more than 300 churches.**

**461 A.D.** - St. Patrick died on this date. His death has been observed by Irish Americans in the U.S. since colonial times with parades and the "wearing of the green."

**1919** - Singer Nat King Cole was born.

**1945** - The bloody battle for the island of Iwo Jima ended in victory for the U.S.

**1967** - Snoopy and Charlie Brown, of the comic strip "Peanuts," made the cover of "LIFE" magazine.

**Born on this day:** 1902 - Golf champion Bobby Jones...  
1935 - singer Adam Wade...1944 - singer John Sebastian...1955 - singer Paul Overstreet.