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Thursday, January 11, 2018

Athens, Tennessee

#### STATE & LOCAL NEWS

#### **♦ SANDHILL CRANE FESTIVAL COMING UP**

The 2018 Tennessee Sandhill Crane Festival is set for this Saturday and Sunday at the Hiwassee Refuge and Birchwood Community Center. The festival is a celebration of the thousands of sand hill cranes that migrate through or spend the winter on and around the Hiwassee Refuge in Birchwood. Eastern sand hill cranes began stopping at the Hiwassee Refuge in the early 1990's on their way to and from their wintering grounds in Georgia and Florida. Thousands of birds now spend the entire winter at the confluence of the Hiwassee and Tennessee Rivers. Free bus shuttle service will be available from the Birchwood Community Center to the Hiwassee Refuge and Cherokee Removal Memorial Park both Saturday and Sunday beginning at 8 a.m. No public parking is available at the refuge. Breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase at the community center each day beginning at 7 a.m. Music, special programs, and children's activities will take place throughout both days. The American Eagle Foundation will be present for live raptor shows at 3 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is the primary sponsor of the festival. Olin Chlor Alkali Products is the corporate sponsor. There is no admission charge. The Hiwassee Refuge comprises about 6,000 acres. The Birchwood Community Center is only three miles from the wildlife-viewing site. The Cherokee Removal Memorial is next to the refuge.

### **National - World News**

- ◆ A University of Pennsylvania student who mysteriously disappeared in California last week has been found dead. His death is being investigated as a homicide,
- ◆ A jewelry store inside the Ritz hotel in Paris was the victim of an armed robbery Wednesday evening. No one was injured in the heist, but three men were arrested at the scene, while two escaped with an undetermined amount of iewelry.
- ◆ Firefighters in Southern California rescued a 14-year-old girl who had been trapped for several hours in a home destroyed by mudslides
- ◆ The Zeta Beta Tau fraternity is revoking its chapter at the University of Michigan, alleging members there violated multiple policies, including hazing.

#### **♦** COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Athens City Council is accepting letters of interest and résumés from licensed Tennessee attorneys, entitled to practice in the courts of Tennessee, for the position of Athens City Judge. Attorneys interested in the position should send or bring a letter of interest and résumés to the City Manager's Office, 815 North Jackson Street, Athens 37303 no later than 2 p.m. on Friday, January 26th.
- ✓ The Athens Police Department will present a Church Safety Seminar this Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Athens Movie Palace, 1436 Decatur Pike. For information, call 744-2730.

#### RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



Western Sizzlin' Steak House-1804 Decatur Pike Thursday ALL DAY: 8 oz Sizzlin' Top Sirloin w/ Salad Bar \$12.49. Senior Buffet (55+): Mon-Friday 2 to 4 p.m. \$5.99 -745-2626



January Specials >>>> 5 meals for \$5 ea. 12 piece Tailgate with 6 biscuits & fixins' \$24.99 99¢ Tea • Steak or Sausage Biscuit 99¢ ea. • IT'S BO TIME Famous Chicken 'n Biscuits BOJANGLES South Congress Parkway 744-5292

#### WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday - Cloudy. Showers likely. High near 61.

Thursday Night - Cloudy. Showers likely. Low near 53.

Friday - Showers likely. Possible t'storms. High near 58.

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## Friday & Saturday

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### **Obituaries**

- Marvin Wesley Miller, age 59, of Niota, died Tuesday at his home. He was self-employed as a carpenter, photographer, and a transport driver. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- Pamela "Pam" Moses Yarber, age 68, of Athens, died Tuesday at her residence. She was employed as office manager for Dr. Jay Carter for 23 years. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 12 Noon 2 p.m. prior to the service.
- Mary Lee Sutton Hicks, age 90, of Maryville, died Tuesday at Sweetwater Nursing Center. She was a native of Sneedville and resident of Marion, Indiana before moving to Maryville in 2011. Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. Friday in Short Creek Cemetery with visitation from 1:30 2:30 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home.
- Robert Krancer Perry, age 66, of Athens died Wednesday at Starr Regional Medical Center. Arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens.
- Charles David Johnson, age 80, of Riceville, died Tuesday at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. He last worked at McKeehan Chair Company and played for the Gospel Group, The Pine Ridge Boys. Funeral services will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5-6:30 p.m.
- Randall Casey Cummings, age 40, of Madisonville, died last Saturday. Arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home and Crematory of Athens.
- Charlotte Elaine Jackson, age 61, of Niota, died Wednesday. Arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home and Crematory of Athens.

#### MORE RESTAURANT INSPECTION SCORES

The following Etowah restaurants were inspected recently:

Mary's Victorian Teas to Please - 100

McDonald's - 99

Scottie's - 99

Michael's of Etowah - 99

Castillo's Mexican Restaurant - 98

Mexi-Wing, Etowah - 97

Hong Kong King Buffet - 97

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 17 points or 0.1% to 25,369. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 3 points or 0.1% to 2,748, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 10 points or 0.1% to 7,154.

#### **Home Sales for December**

Tennessee Valley Appraisal Services reports there were 60 sales of single family homes in McMinn County in December. A sampling is shown below:

County Rd 348, Sweetwater -	\$434,000
County Rd 961, Riceville -	\$325,000
Kensington St., Athens -	\$305,000
Shadows Lawn Dr., Athens -	\$247,000
County Rd 445, Athens -	\$215,000
Woodward Park, Athens -	\$200,000
Keith Lane, Athens -	\$172,000
Ingleside Ave., Athens -	\$167,500
County Rd 189, Decatur -	\$165,000
County Rd 208, Athens -	\$164,000
County Rd 250, Niota -	\$161,000
County Rd 332, Athens -	\$161,000
Benson Drive, Athens -	\$150,000
County Rd 801, Etowah -	\$150,000
Cunningham Drive, Athens -	\$150,000
County Rd 273, Niota -	\$148,000
Fairview Road, Athens -	\$148,000
County Rd 964, Etowah -	\$145,000
County Rd 439, Athens -	\$142,500
County Rd 124, Athens -	\$139,900
6th Street, Etowah -	\$137,000
County Rd 656, Athens -	\$136,000
County Rd 675, Athens -	\$134,900
Benson Drive, Athens -	\$134,000

### **TODAY IN HISTORY - JANUARY 11th**

**1757** - American statesman Alexander Hamilton was born on the island of Nevis in the Caribbean. He moved to the American Colonies in 1772 and later served in President George Washington's cabinet as the nation's first Secretary of the Treasury. He was killed in a pistol duel with his political foe, Aaron Burr, in 1804.

**1878** - For the first time, milk was delivered in glass bottles by Alexander Campbell, in New York. Up to that time, moo juice had been ladled out of a container by the milkman, right into the customer's own container.

**1935** - Aviation pioneer Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly across the Pacific Ocean from Hawaii to California. Two years later, she attempted a round-the world flight, but was lost at sea.

1946 - Country singer Naomi Judd was born. She and her daughter, Wynonna, had many hit records including "Mama He's Crazy," "Grandpa (Tell Me 'Bout The Good Ole Days)," and "Love Is Alive."

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