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Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ GOVERNOR PROPOSES TAX CUT ON FOOD

Governor Bill Haslam is proposing to lower Tennessee's sales tax on food and to raise the exemption on the state's inheritance tax. The governor is asking state lawmakers to reduce the state's 5.5 percent sales tax on food to 5.3 percent. His goal is to get the tax down to 5.0 percent in three years. Governor Haslam also wants to raise the exemption on inheritance taxes from \$1 million to \$1¼ million. The governor also says he endorses Mitt Romney for the Republican presidential nomination.

◆ THIEVES DO BIG DAMAGE AT FISHER FIELD

Athens Parks Director Austin Fesmire says copper thieves caused about \$7,000 in damages at Fisher Field. The electrical boxes for each light were destroyed and the cables leading to the scoreboard were cut. Police say the thieves also took some metal sewer covers. Fesmire says all the copper and metal taken by the thieves probably netted them less than \$100, but will cost the city \$7,000 to repair the damage.

◆ FORMER YOUTH LEADER INDICTED

A former church youth leader in Maryville has been indicted on child sex charges. Laura Salazar, 39, was indicted on seven counts of statutory rape by an authority figure. Her husband was indicted earlier, pleaded guilty, and is serving a 20-year sentence. They served as youth leaders at The Lord's Disciples Church in Maryville until their arrest. The indictment says the couple engaged in unlawful sex with three teenage girls.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ The Romney campaign reports it raised \$24 million during the fourth quarter of 2011. The campaign says it has \$19 million in cash on hand as it heads into the crucial South Carolina primary after victories in Iowa and New Hampshire.

◆ Joran van der Sloot, the prime suspect in the disappearance of Alabama teenager Natalee Holloway in Aruba, has pleaded guilty to the 2010 murder of 21-year-old Stephany Flores in Peru. He will be sentenced on Friday. Van der Sloot reportedly claimed in a confession shortly after the murder, that he had killed Flores because she found information linking him to Holloway on his computer.

◆ Twenty-six states challenging President Obama's healthcare overhaul have filed a U.S. Supreme Court brief in which they argue that Obamacare unconstitutionally expands the Medicaid program for the poor and disabled. The brief says that by threatening the states with a loss of federal funds, Congress unconstitutionally coerced states into expanding their Medicaid programs.

◆ Stock prices edged lower on Wednesday after hitting a five-month high on Tuesday. Investors continue to have the jitters over further weakness in the euro. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 13.02 at 12,449.45.

◆ Hostess Brands, Inc., the maker of Twinkies and Wonder Bread, is seeking bankruptcy protection. The company blames its pension and medical benefits, increased competition, and tough economic conditions as main causes for their financial problems.

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Restaurant Spotlight

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Thursday (All Day): 8 oz. Sizzlin' Top Sirloin with Potato, Bakery, and Dessert Bars, \$7.49. Monday-Thursday (All Day) 10 oz. New York Strip with Potato, Bakery, & Dessert Bars, \$10.99.



Steven Curtis Chapman in Concert in Athens
during NATIONAL MOOFEST, May, 19th.

FOR TICKETS CALL 423-745-0334

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Athens/McMinn Family YMCA

will be holding it's 2011 Annual Meeting, on Jan. 19th in the Gymnasium of the YMCA at 12 Noon. All members are welcome to attend and a RSVP to thayes-ymca@birch.net would be appreciated.

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Community News You Can Use

- ✓ Christian singer Steven Curtis Chapman will be in concert May 19th at 7 p.m. in Athens in conjunction with National MooFest. Tickets are currently on sale at the Athens Chamber of Commerce office, 13 North Jackson Street.
- ✓ Free legal advice is being offered at the Etowah Carnegie Public Library to low income parents of minor children in McMinn County on divorce/custody/child support and other family law matters. For an appointment, call Southeast Tennessee Legal Services at 423-756-0128.
- ✓ The McMinn County Clerk's Office (including the Driver's License Office) will be closed on Monday, January 16th, for the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday observance. The offices will reopen on Tuesday, January 17th.
- ✓ The Athens Community Theater will present "Guys & Dolls" on February 16-26 at The Arts Center in Athens. The musical features several hit songs, including "Luck Be A Lady." "Guys & Dolls" is directed by Melonie Carideo with musical direction by Ellen Kimball. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for students. Call 423-745-8781 for ticket information.
- ✓ The McMinn County Commission will hold its monthly meeting next Monday, January 16th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse.
- ✓ The Medic Regional Blood Center will hold a blood drive on January 20th from 11am to 6pm at the Athens Municipal Building.

Obituaries

Michelle Ann Tucker Croft, age 39, of Decatur died Tuesday at her home. She was a 1992 graduate of McMinn Central High School. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m.

Peggy Pangle Hicks, age 72, of Etowah died Wednesday at her home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.

STRANGE CALLS TO 911 (999)

Dispatchers in England report some strange calls. (Actually the emergency number to call in England is 999)

There was the man who "accidentally" glued five plastic cups to his head. He made a desperate call seeking medical attention.

One woman called because she had the hiccups.

A rabbit owner called because her pet had a sore leg.

A caller phoned in because a contact lens had become stuck in his eye.

Dispatchers must treat all calls as an emergency, and non-emergency calls tie them up when they could be dispatching an ambulance to someone genuinely in need.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY



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(presented by Athens First Baptist church)

W Y X I AM-1390
9:30 A.M. & 5:30 P.M.

WHEN RADIO WAS

Old-time Radio Shows
6:05-7 pm Nightly

WYXI AM-1390

Tonight:

Pete Kelly's Blues & Calling All Detectives

THIS DAY IN HISTORY - January 12th

1628 - Charles Perrault, author of "Cinderella" and "Sleeping Beauty," was born in Paris. He also wrote "Little Red Riding Hood" and "Tom Thumb." His writings were published in a book titled "Tales of Mother Goose."

1905 - Tex Ritter, singer and cowboy movie star, was born. He sang the Academy Award winning song from the 1952 film, "High Noon."

1951 - The nation's most popular radio talk show host, Rush Limbaugh, was born. You can hear him each weekday afternoon from 12:05 to 3 p.m. on WYXI, AM-1390.

1966 - The TV show "Batman" debuted on ABC.

1991 - A deeply divided Congress gave President George H.W. Bush the authority to use force to expel Iraq from Kuwait. (The Senate vote was 52-47; the House followed suit 250-183.)

WEATHER

Thurs. - Cloudy. 60% rain. Breezy. High-low 50's.

Thurs. night - Cloudy & cold. 40% rain-snow. Low-22.

Friday - Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid to upper 30s.

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