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Today's News...This Morning

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Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ MOTORCYCLE FATALITIES DOWN IN STATE

The Tennessee Department of Safety says traffic fatalities involving motorcycles went down dramatically last year. From 2005 through 2010, Tennessee averaged around 140 fatalities involving motorcycles per year. Last year the number dropped to 114. Business owners along the popular stretch of U.S. 129 known as the "Tail of the Dragon" credit increased law enforcement for improving safety on that deadly stretch of mountainous highway. The Department of Safety approved overtime for State Troopers to keep an eye on Highway 129, and the number of accidents has dropped significantly.

◆ AUB TO PASS TVA'S COST CUT TO CUSTOMERS

Athens Utilities Board says natural gas rates are low this winter and now, for the second month in a row, power rates for AUB customers will fall again in February. AUB's Wayne Scarbrough says the decrease is a result of a drop in the monthly fuel charge levied by TVA. Scarbrough says AUB's residential rate for natural gas is eight percent lower than a year ago and some 32 percent lower than five years ago.

◆ KUDOS TO NAOMI CLARKE

The Athens City Council has presented its monthly VIVID (Very Important Individual) Award to Naomi Clarke. She serves on the Athens Recreation Advisory Board and is the founder of the McMinn United Futbol Club. She serves as coordinator of TWC's Champion of Character Program, inspiring students to volunteer.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ A tape of radio transmissions shows the Italian coast guard angrily ordered the captain of a capsized cruise ship to go back aboard to oversee the evacuation, accusing him of abandoning ship. The captain remains in jail without bond. At this point, 11 passengers have been confirmed dead and 24 are still missing.

◆ The eldest son of the late North Korean leader Kim Jong Il has written a new book in which he questions his half brother Kim Jong Un's ability to lead the regime and predicts he will fail. Kim Jong Ham says his half brother was chosen to be the next leader solely because he physically resembled his grandfather. Kim Jong Ham also reveals he has never met his half brother.

◆ Stocks gained on Tuesday following reports that China's economy expanded at the weakest pace in 2½ years. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 60.01 at 12,482.07.

◆ The latest ABC-Washington Post poll shows Mitt Romney and Barack Obama in a dead heat among voters. Romney has 48% and Obama has 47%.

◆ Sharon Smiley worked for 10 years as a receptionist and administrative assistant at a Chicago real estate company until she was fired for working through lunch. She had punched off the clock for lunch, but remained at her desk to finish a project. The company fired her because she violated a rule requiring employees to take a 30-minute lunch break. Smiley said she thought that because she was punched out, she could do what she wanted. An Illinois appeals court has found that denial of her unemployment benefits was "clearly erroneous."



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Restaurant Spotlight

Western Sizzlin Steak House-1804 Decatur Pike (745-2626)
Wed, (11a-4p) Petite Sirloin with Salad, Potato, Bakery & Dessert Bars, \$7.99. Monday-Thursday (All Day) 10 oz. New York Strip with Potato, Bakery, & Dessert Bars, \$11.29.

BOjangles Famous Chicken & Biscuits-S. Congress Parkway (744-5292) January Specials »» STEAK BISCUITS 99¢ each. Lunch: 5 Meals for \$5 each. 12 Piece Box with 6 Biscuits for just \$11.99. Our 32 oz. Tea is still just 99¢.

Toscano Pizza & Italian Grill, Ingles Shopping Center, Athens 746-9900. SPECIAL: 11a-2:30p M-F - Pick up or dine-in only! Any small Calzone or Stromboli, plus a drink, only \$5.99.

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WEATHER
Wednesday - Sunny. Colder. Highs in the lower 40s.
Wed. night - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s.
Thursday - Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 50s.
See our Zoom Radar at: www.wysi.com

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Athens, Tennessee

Rollover on County Road 660

Bradley Sutherland of Etowah was injured in a one-vehicle traffic crash Tuesday on County Road 660 about a mile outside Etowah. He was headed west when he ran off the road and overturned. He was able to climb out and was walking around when rescue personnel arrived. The Etowah Rural Fire Department and Rescue Squad responded. Sutherland was transported to Athens Regional Medical Center. (Photo by Jay Thomson)



Obituaries

Sarah L. Mansfield, age 85, died last Saturday in a nursing home in Fishersville, Virginia. She was formerly from Athens. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

Rev. Ralph Sliger, age 77, of Athens died Tuesday at Turkey Creek Medical Center in Knoxville. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ **Joran Meredith and Louis Johnson**, an electro-folk duo, will perform at Tennessee Wesleyan College on Thursday, Jan. 19th, at 7 p.m. in Townsend Auditorium. Johnson has been a regular on MTV's "My Life as Liz" for two seasons.



The public is invited to this free concert. The duo calls themselves "Augustine."

✓ The E.G. Fisher Public Library invites all school-aged children to a brand new library program on Thursdays at 4:15 p.m. The Library Super Sampler is for children ages 6 and up, and will include Reader's Theatre activities, Author Art projects, songs, stories and fun. Call 745-7782 to reserve your space.

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY-JANUARY 18

1782 - Daniel Webster was born. No, he's not the man who invented the dictionary. Daniel Webster was a famous statesman who served as U.S. Senator and as Secretary of State under Presidents William Henry Harrison, John Tyler, and Millard Fillmore.

1882 - English author A.A. Milne was born. He wrote the "Winnie-the-Pooh" books.

1892 - Comedian Oliver Hardy was born in Atlanta. In 1926, he teamed up with Stan Laurel and the pair made more than 200 movies together. Laurel and Hardy captivated audiences around the world with their zany antics.

1940 - TVA closed the gates at the new Chickamauga Dam and the waters of the Tennessee River began backing up, creating Chickamauga Lake. The lake sprawls across five east Tennessee counties.

1941 - Singer Bobby Goldsboro was born. His biggest hit record was "Honey."

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