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Thursday, January 8, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

### State & Local News

#### ◆ AT LAST: GASOLINE FOR UNDER \$2.00!

It's been a long time since we've seen these numbers on the gas station signs in Athens, but the price has finally dropped below \$2.00 per gallon. This sign at the Speedway on Highway 30 west of I-75 shows the price at \$1.97 per gallon. A station on South White Street is selling gas for \$1.96. The price is expected to keep dropping.



#### ◆ TENNESSEE TRAFFIC DEATHS DOWN IN 2014

The Tennessee Department of Safety announces that the number of traffic fatalities in Tennessee last year was 961. That is the second lowest figure since 1963. There were 995 traffic fatalities in 2013. THP Colonel Tracy Trott credits DUI and seat belt enforcement for the decline. Troopers arrested nearly 2,000 more drivers on suspicion of DUI in 2014, compared to 2013. As a result, there was an 18.6% drop in alcohol-related traffic fatalities last year. Troopers issued 102,758 seat belt citations in 2014, up 28,000 from 2013. Trott says unrestrained motorists still accounted for 50% of vehicle occupants killed in 2014.

### National & International News

- ◆ U.S. Senator Bob Corker of Tennessee has been elected chairman of the powerful Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The former Chattanooga mayor will also serve on the Senate Banking Committee, the Budget Committee, and the Aging Committee.
- ◆ The mayor of Atlanta has fired the city's fire chief because of comments he made in a new religious book. Chief Lelvin Cochran wrote in his book that homosexuality is a "perversion." Mayor Kasim Reed says Cochran was terminated because of his judgment, not his faith.
- ◆ The gunmen who killed 12 and injured 11 others in Paris Wednesday called out the names of their victims at the *Charlie Hebdo* offices and shot the individuals in the head, execution style.
- ◆ Thousands of demonstrators gathered in Paris after the shooting deaths at the office of the French magazine *Charlie Hebdo* and chanted they weren't afraid of Islamic terrorists.
- ◆ The California Department of Public Health has confirmed that nine cases of measles were linked to California's Disneyland.
- ◆ At least ten tremors have been felt around northern Texas between Tuesday night and Wednesday, with nine of them centered around the city of Irving.
- ◆ Fraternities and sororities at the University of Virginia must now have "sober monitors" at their parties, and beer kegs and mixed drinks will be banned.
- ◆ In order to prevent wrinkles, more and more women are shaving their faces in order to help stabilize their facial skin.

**AUDITIONS!**  
You're a good man,  
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Sunday Jan 11 @ 1pm  
Monday Jan 12 @ 6pm  
ages 12 - 18

The Arts Center  
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### WEATHER

**Thursday** - Sunny. Highs in the upper 20's to lower 30's.

**Thursday night** - Partly cloudy. Lows around 17.

**Friday** - Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 30's.

More Weather & Zoom Radar at: [www.wyxi.com](http://www.wyxi.com)

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Athens, Tennessee

### More of 2014's Top News Stories

- On July 4th, Tyler Womack was shot to death when he surprised some burglars on his neighbors property on County Road 172. Three people were arrested several days later and charged with first-degree murder.
- Ann Davis was elected Mayor of Athens at the first Athens City Council meeting following the November election.
- Burkett Witt was granted an honorary Doctorate of Public Service by Tennessee Wesleyan College for his long-time support of the college and the Athens community.
- Grace Baptist Church on Highway 58 north of Decatur was destroyed by fire after being hit by lightning in April.
- In June, McMinn County Deputy Randy Grabel was seriously injured when his patrol car was struck by a car driven by 17-year-old Nick Austin who was texting at the time. The two now visit schools in the area to warn students about the dangers of texting while driving.
- John Workman retired as CEO at Starr Regional Medical Center. His replacement, Mark Nichols, took up his duties in July.

### Obituaries

- **Betty Brabson Carlisle Bellows**, age 95, of Athens, died Wednesday at her residence. She served as a volunteer with the American Red Cross in Chattanooga during World War II. She also worked at the Provident Life Insurance Company for 9 years. She served as a volunteer at Life Care Center of Athens and was a member of the Athens Browning Circle. A celebration of life service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at Trinity United Methodist Church, with visitation at the church following the service. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- **Johnny E. McElroy**, age 57, of Englewood, died Sunday at his home. A private service will be held at a later date. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

### WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 212.88 at 17,584.52. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 23.29 at 2,025.90 and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 57.73 at 4,650.47. Volume on the New York Stock Exchange was moderate, with 776.91 million shares traded. Crude oil prices rose \$0.52 to \$48.45 per barrel.

### TVA ASKS CUSTOMERS TO REDUCE POWER USE

With the temperatures falling into the single digits Thursday morning, TVA is asking customers to voluntarily reduce the use of electricity until further notice. TVA asks you to turn off lights, appliances and electrical equipment when not in use, reduce heat to 68 degrees, limit cooking, postpone using hot water, and avoid using electric clothes dryers.

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### TODAY IN HISTORY – January 8

- 1642** - Astronomer Galileo Galilei died in Arcetri, Italy.
- 1815** - Andrew Jackson defeated the British at the Battle of New Orleans, the closing engagement of the War of 1812.
- 1867** - Congress passed a law allowing blacks to vote.
- 1918** - President Woodrow Wilson outlined his Fourteen Points for peace after World War I.
- 1935** - Singer Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi. He died on August 16, 1977 in Memphis at age 42.
- 1940** - Singer Christy Lane was born. Her biggest record was "One Day At A Time."
- 1964** - President Lyndon B. Johnson declared a war on poverty to form what he called "The Great Society."
- 1987** - The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above 2,000 for the first time, ending the day at 2,002.25.
- 1993** - Blind muslim cleric Ramzi Yousef, the mastermind of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, was sentenced in New York to life in prison.



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