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Thursday-January 3, 2013

Athens, Tennessee

## State & Local News

### ◆ UPDATE ON ATM THEFT AT LOCAL STORE

Athens police are continuing their investigation of the theft of an ATM machine from Ian's Market on Congress Parkway at John Duncan Parkway. Early this past Sunday morning, a white van backed through the front doors of the convenience store. Two men wearing ski masks jumped out of the van and loaded the ATM into the vehicle. The theft was recorded on the store's security cameras. The photo shows the van just before it smashes through the doors.



## World & National News

- ◆ Foreign investors and not voters are apparently the ones responsible for the stop-gap fiscal cliff legislation passed by the Congress. Some lawmakers are admitting that they feared investor backlash more than voters, saying that the financial markets could have "tanked."
- ◆ A teen pilot killed along with two friends in an Alabama plane crash had his own key to the aircraft and had flown it many times. The pilot's mother disputed that the plane had been taken without permission. Sherrie Smith said her 17-year-old son Jordan Smith was the one flying the plane that went down in the Alabama woods Tuesday night.
- ◆ Al-Jazeera, the Arab news channel that struggled to win space on American cable television, has acquired Current TV, boosting its reach nearly ninefold to about 40 million homes. With a focus on U.S. news, it plans to rebrand the liberal news network that cofounder Al Gore couldn't make relevant.
- ◆ Patti Page "The Singin' Rage" died on New Years Day at the age of 85. She was born Clara Ann Fowler in Claremore, Oklahoma. She began her singing career at age 18 on a 15 minute daily radio broadcast on KTUL in Tulsa and was sponsored by the "Page Milk Company", hence the origin of her professional name. Her signature song was *Tennessee Waltz* which was recorded in 1950, becoming her most popular and biggest selling single record.

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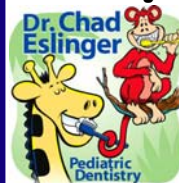
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**Thurs. night - Partly cloudy.** Low-in the mid 20s.  
**Friday - Sunny.** High-mid to upper 40s.  
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Athens, Tennessee

### Community News You Can Use

#### ◆ SCHOOLS RESUME CLASSES NEXT WEEK

Public school students in the area have a few more days of Christmas vacation. Classes do not resume until next Monday, January 7th, for students in the Athens City, McMinn County, and Meigs County school systems. The Etowah City School resumes classes next Tuesday, Jan. 8th.

### Wednesday's Market Closings

U.S. stocks soared on the first trading day of the New Year, as lawmakers were able to pass a budget deal on New Years Day to avoid tax increases and spending cuts that could have threatened the U.S. economic recovery. Also supporting equities was a report that showed American manufacturers saw better conditions in December as the Institute for Supply Management's purchasing manager's index rose to 50.7% from 49.5% in November. U.S. Treasury prices declined due to strength in equities. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 308.41 at 13,412.55. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 36.23 at 1,462.42, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 92.75 at 3,112.26. In commodity markets, the spot price of gold rose \$20.69 to \$1,685.85. The spot price of silver rose \$0.64 to \$30.98, and crude oil prices rose \$1.09 to \$92.91 per barrel. In the bond market, the 30-year Treasury yield closed at 3.04%, and the 10-year Treasury yield finished at 1.84%.

### Obituaries

**Ferrell Cook Cooper**, age 82, of Etowah and formerly of Niota, died on Wednesday at her home. She was retired from Niota Textile. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m.

**June Lynnell "Lynn" Hester McKeehan**, age 66, of Athens died on Wednesday at Life Care Center of Athens. She was co-owner of Don's Food Center for over 20 years with her husband, and a former employee of Western Auto and Alfred's. A funeral service will be at 8 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 5-8 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs.

**Nina O'Daniel Brown**, age 86, of Athens died Tuesday at her home. During WWII, she served in Oak Ridge on the Manhattan Project. She was retired from Thomas & Betts where she had served as a Union Chief Steward for several years. A funeral service will be at 7 p.m. Friday in the chapel of Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5-7 p.m. at Ziegler.

**Edward "Ed" J. James**, age 78, of Etowah, died Tuesday at Woods Memorial Hospital. He was in the insurance business for 25 years. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Bordwine.

**Valerie Ann Freeman Howard**, age 51, of Riceville died Wednesday at Park Ridge Medical Center. She was a former employee of Davidson Textron and Mills Products. A memorial service will be at 5 p.m. Saturday in the chapel of Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 3-5 p.m. at Ziegler.

### THIS DAY IN HISTORY-January 3

**1521** - Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church.

**1892** - J.R.R. Tolkein, author of the fantasy novel "Lord of the Rings," was born.

**1918** - Maxine Andrews, one of the singing Andrews Sisters, was born. The trio had many hit records in the 1940's and early 50's, including "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "Winter Wonderland," and "(I'll Be With You In) Apple Blossom Time." They also recorded several hit records with Bing Crosby.

**1938** - The March of Dimes campaign to fight polio was started. It was founded by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. It financed the research that produced the Salk and Sabin vaccines, which helped to prevent polio.

**1959** - Alaska became the 49th state. The U.S. bought Alaska from Russia in 1867 for \$7.2 million which amounted to about 2-cents per acre.

**1961**- The United States severed diplomatic relations with Cuba.

**1967**- Jack Ruby, the man who fatally shot accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, died in a Dallas hospital.

**1990** - Ousted Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega surrendered to U.S. forces, 10 days after taking refuge in the Vatican's diplomatic mission in Panama City.

**2000** - The last new daily "Peanuts" comic strip by Charles Schulz ran in 2,600 newspapers.

**2004** - NASA's Mars rover, Spirit, touched down on the red planet.

**2006** - Lobbyist Jack Abramoff pleaded guilty to conspiracy, mail fraud and tax evasion and agreed to cooperate in investigations of corruption in Congress.

**2009** - After seven days of pummeling the Gaza Strip from the air, Israel launched a ground offensive.