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Thursday-February 7, 2013

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ "MIRACLE ON THE HUDSON" PASSENGER TO HEADLINE ETOWAH CHAMBER BANQUET

The Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its 51st Annual Banquet on February 21st. The keynote speaker will be Vallie Collins, who was a passenger on US Airways Flight 1549 that landed in New York's Hudson River on January 15th, 2009, after a bird strike destroyed the plane's engines. Vallie will tell about her experience during the flight and rescue. She'll also share what she learned from the experience. For ticket information, call the Chamber office at 263-2228.



◆ JURY INDICTS MEIGS COUNTY DEPUTY

The TBI has arrested Meigs County Sheriff's deputy Bradley Collins after he was indicted by the Rhea County grand jury on charges stemming from a shooting incident last year. The TBI says Collins fired twice at his father-in-law during a confrontation in Spring City last September 23rd. Collins was off duty at the time. No one was actually shot, but the 12th Judicial District Attorney asked the TBI to investigate the shooting incident.

World & National News

◆ The U.S. Postal Service says it will end Saturday mail deliveries in August as a cost-saving measure. Packages will continue to be delivered on Saturday.

◆ The Boy Scouts of America have delayed a decision on whether to lift its ban on gay members and leaders, saying the question will be taken-up at the organization's national meeting in Texas in May.

◆ A vote on Chuck Hagel's nomination for defense secretary was abruptly postponed by a Senate panel on Wednesday amid Republican demands for more information from the nominee about his paid speeches and business dealings. Republicans are dissatisfied with information Hagel provided after his confirmation hearing last week, and say the American people have a right to know if he ever received compensation from foreign sources.

◆ Hasbro, the maker of the popular board game Monopoly, has announced that it is retiring the iron token. The iron will be replaced by a cat. Fans were able to vote online for the token to eliminate. The wheelbarrow and shoe were close behind the iron for elimination.



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WEATHER
Thursday - Cloudy. 70% rain in AM and PM. High mid 50's.
Thur. night - Cloudy. 70% rain. Lows in lower 40's.
Friday - Mostly Cloudy. 30% rain. Highs mid to upper 50's.
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Restaurant Inspection Scores

The following Athens restaurants were inspected between January 24th and February 5th. A grade of 70 and above is passing.

Mayfield's Ice Cream Parlor - 100

TN's Ultimate Stop - 97

Shoney's - 92

Mexican Cuisine - 92

Subway (S. White St.) - 92

Toscano Italian Grill - 89

Subway (1440 Decatur Pike) - 88

Captain D's - 88

Taco Bell - 84

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"Talk is Cheap" Tour

The "Talk is Cheap Tour" is coming to Athens. The McMinn County libraries and the Historical Society will present four noted story-tellers--Bill Landry (right), Sam Venable, Jim Claborn and Elizabeth Rose--on Saturday night, Feb. 16th, at 7 p.m. at the Athens City Middle School. They will be telling stories guaranteed to make you laugh. Landry is noted for being the host and producer of "The Heartland Series" on WBIR-TV, Channel 10. Venable is a humor columnist for the Knoxville News Sentinel. Rose is an Etowah native who is principal of Cherokee Middle School in Kingston. Claborn is a storyteller and humorist from Talbot, TN. General admission tickets are \$15. Call 744-3911 for details.



Obituaries

Paul Wilson Slack, age 83, of the Wildwood Community near Englewood died Tuesday at Woods Memorial Hospital. He had been a carpenter. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Friday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Tammy Renae Robinson, age 38, of Sweetwater, formerly of Etowah, died Tuesday at Sweetwater Hospital. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

◆ DCS COMMISSIONER RESIGNS HER POST

Tennessee's Commissioner of Children's Services has resigned. Kate O'Day submitted her resignation in the wake of questions raised about how her agency handled the cases of children who were investigated as possible victims of abuse and neglect, and then later died. O'Day says she decided to resign because she was concerned that SHE had become more of a focus than the CHILDREN the department serves. O'Day was in Athens last Friday and spoke to the Athens Kiwanis Club. She stated that DCS serves about 26,000 children in the state and Tennessee is the top state in the Union for placing foster children in adoptions; a total of 812 in FY 2012. Video of her entire presentation to the Athens Kiwanis Club is available at the following link.



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Today In History - February 7

1812 - Novelist Charles Dickens was born in England. His best-known books include "A Christmas Carol," "Great Expectations," and "Oliver Twist."

1885 - Author Sinclair Lewis was born in Minnesota. He wrote such novels as "Main Street" and "Babbitt." In 1930, Lewis became the first American author to win the Nobel Prize for Literature.

1947 - The Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in caves a few miles from Jerico. They date from around 200 B.C. to 100 A.D. They are the oldest known manuscripts of any books of the Bible. They include all of the books of the Old Testament except Esther.

1962 - President John F. Kennedy imposed a full trade embargo on Cuba.

1990 - The Soviet Union's Communist Party gave up its monopoly on power by agreeing to let other political parties compete for control of the country.