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Thursday-December 26, 2013

Athens, Tennessee

## State & Local News

### ◆ NEW TRIAL SOUGHT IN MONROE MURDER

The only person convicted in the murder of Monroe County Election Commission Chairman Jim Miller is seeking a new trial. Jessica Kennedy, 30, was convicted on charges of facilitation of the crimes of murder, robbery, arson and abuse of a corpse, and was sentenced to 22 years. She is eligible for parole next July. Prosecutors have said all along that the murder involved other people. Miller was shot in the head three times and his body was placed inside the trunk of his car, which was then set on fire on July 17, 2010. Kennedy admitted killing Miller, but then changed her story and named several men as the killers. Her attorneys are asking the Tennessee Court of Appeals to reverse the conviction and order a new trial.

### ◆ SERVICES SET FOR WRECK VICTIM

Funeral services will be held Saturday in Madisonville for a retired TVA systems analyst who was killed last Wednesday when a tractor-trailer crossed I-75 near the Ooltewah exit and struck her pickup truck. Betty Jean Petty, 71, was the valedictorian of the Madisonville High Class of 1960. She was also a graduate of Tennessee Wesleyan College.

## National & International News

◆ The Tennessee Highway Patrol is investigating a fatal accident on Interstate 40 in Roane County that happened early Christmas Day. Dispatchers received a call at 2:29 a.m. that the body of a white male in the early 40's had been found in the eastbound lanes at mile marker 364. The preliminary investigation indicates the man either jumped or fell from a moving vehicle and his body was then struck by at least one other vehicle. His name has not been released. The THP is asking anyone with information about the case to call the Knoxville District Headquarters at 1-865-594-5800.

◆ In West Reading, Pennsylvania, a terminally ill girl who was the target of a huge Christmas carol sing-along Saturday night died Christmas morning. Delaney Brown was 8 and died from a rare form of leukemia. Thousands of carolers gathered outside her home Saturday night to fulfill her wish for a huge holiday sing-along.

◆ The American embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan, came under rocket attack on Christmas morning. The Taliban claimed responsibility. No one was injured, since the embassy was closed on Christmas Day.

◆ In Iraq, at least 37 people were killed in two separate bomb attacks on Christians on Christmas Day.

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Noon to 3 p.m.  
Monday  
through  
Friday

\*Half his brain is tied behind his back,  
just to make things fair.

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### WEATHER

**Thursday** - Sunny, with a high of 47  
**Thurs. night** - Clear, with a low of 23  
**Friday** - Sunny, with a high of 50  
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### Restaurant Inspection Scores

The following Athens restaurants were inspected between Nov. 25th and Dec. 19th. There were no failures.

- Hardee's, Congress Parkway - 97**
- Open Door Cafe - 97**
- The Country Patch - 96**
- Angela's Deli - 96**
- Brownies - 96**
- Applebee's - 95**
- Cracker Barrel - 95**
- Ming Dynasty - 95**
- Wendy's - 95**
- Yamato Cafe - 94**
- Ruby Tuesday - 93**
- Jenkins Grill - 93**
- Little Caesars - 93**
- Firehouse Subs - 93**
- Bojangles - 92**
- Sonic - 92**
- Gondolier Pizza - 91**
- China Wok - 90**
- Mexi-Wing, S. White St. - 82**

### Obituaries

**Susan Anne McCormick Burris**, age 67, of Athens died Monday at her residence. She was a former employee of Textron. There will be no formal visitation or funeral service. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Johnnie Hugh Hodges**, age 64, of Athens died December 18th at Erlanger Medical Center. He was a veteran of the Army. Funeral services were held on Sunday, Dec. 22nd, at Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah.

**Clifford Elick "C. E." Armstrong**, age 87, of Etowah died Sunday. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. A celebration of his life will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah.

#### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Medic Regional Medical Center's Bloodmobile will be at Lowe's of Athens today from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. All blood types are needed, especially O Negative.
- ✓ The Athens Arts Center's second Open Mic is scheduled for Friday, January 10th. The second Open Mic's theme is Gospel music. The Athens Arts Council is looking for fourteen regional gospel musicians to perform. There is no fee to register, but the deadline is Tuesday, January 7th. Call 745-8781 to sign up or for more information. The Open Mic will be at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 10th in the Sue E. Trotter Black Box Theater, 320 North White Street. Admission is a suggested donation of \$5.00.

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