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Today's News...This Morning

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Co-Ed T-Ball Leagues
Ages: Beginner League, 4 years;
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Thursday, February 4, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ **THE FLU SEASON HAS ARRIVED!**
The Tennessee Department of Health has been advised by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that reports of influenza are increasing across the country. TDH officials are asking all Tennesseans who have not yet had their annual flu vaccination to do so immediately. Getting a flu shot will protect you and help prevent the spread of the illness to others. Health Department officials urge people in high risk categories to seek medical care promptly if they have flu-like illnesses. The high risk categories includes children under 2 years, adults 65 and older, people with chronic pulmonary, cardiovascular, and metabolic diseases, people with immunosuppression, women who are pregnant, residents of nursing homes, and people who are morbidly obese. CDC and TDH officials also urge doctors to treat the very ill and high-risk suspected influenza patients with anti-viral medications promptly and to not delay treatment for laboratory confirmation of influenza. They say the benefits from anti-viral treatment are best when administered early. Symptoms of flu can include muscle aches, fever, fatigue, sore throat, cough, headaches, and stuffy or runny nose. Unlike the common cold, flu usually comes on suddenly.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

- ◆ A spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Detroit stated that the FBI is joining a U.S. criminal investigation into Flint, Michigan's water contamination crisis.
- ◆ Rand Paul, the U.S. senator from Kentucky, dropped out of the Republican presidential race on Wednesday. Mike Huckabee, former Governor of Arkansas dropped out of the race on Tuesday.
- ◆ The oldest inmate on Georgia's death row, a 72-year-old man convicted of murdering a convenience store manager in a 1979 robbery, was executed early on Wednesday by lethal injection.
- ◆ Florida Governor Rick Scott has declared a state of emergency in four counties where people have been diagnosed with the Zika virus.

- ◆ **COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**
- ✓ You are invited to come support Cherokee Baseball while enjoying a meal at Shoney's of Athens this coming Monday, February 8th, from 4 to 9 p.m. Players will be working for tips and 10% of the bill.
 - ✓ Save the date for the 22nd annual Cousin Jake Bluegrass Festival. It will be held on Saturday, March 5th at the Gen Theater in Etowah. On Friday night, March 4th, the 8th annual John Studdard Memorial Bluegrass Gospel concert will be held. Info: 263-7608.

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Now-Feb. 29th "Fresh Perspectives" art exhibit featuring watercolor students of The Art Center.
Feb. 6th Quilts of Valor Sew Day 9am-4pm. 2:30pm Quilts presented to local heroes.
Feb. 12th "Art Hop" Reception featuring Watercolor Students of The Arts Center, 5pm-7pm Then "hop" to Sue E. Trotter Theater to hear Melinda Doolittle at 7:30pm
Feb. 13th Native-American Crafts by Tonya Dockery 11am-2pm
Feb. 20th "An Evening of Music at the Museum" by Marquis D. Dotson, Jr. celebrating Black History Month. 5pm-7pm
522 W. Madison Ave. • Athens • 745-0329
www.livingheritagemuseum.com

RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT

Western Sizzlin' Steak House-1804 Decatur Pike
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WEATHER
Thursday - Mostly sunny.
High-mid to upper 40's.
Thurs. Night - Mostly clear.
Low-mid 20's.
Friday - Sunny. High-mid to upper 40's.
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Athens, Tennessee

Ribbon Cut For New Chamber Member

A ribbon cutting was held recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, the Athens Christian Church, located at 802 Matlock Avenue. Joining the celebration and welcoming the church to chamber membership were: (Front Row, L-R) David and Priscilla Ricker (members), Mandie Thacker-Beeler (Chamber Diplomat), Allen Galyon (Elder), Hope and Richard White (Pastor), Kim York (Diplomat), Dick Pelley (Athens City Council), Janet Littleton (member). (Back Row, L-R) Arrants and Ann Kennedy (members). James Hawkins (member), Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Vera Hawkins (member), Kyle O'Dell (Deacon), Gail Galyon and Edith Shepherd (members), Bill Schultz (Elder), Judy and Joel Morris (member/Elder), Shane Sewell (Chamber Chairman), Jackie Newman (Chamber Board), Lisa Harrison, Matt Dannel, and Brianna Hanson (Diplomats)



Obituaries

• **Donald William (Don) Ingram**, age 79, of Etowah, died last Friday at Tennova Hospice in Knoxville. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and retired from CSX Railroad. His wife, **Mary Francis Higdon Ingram**, age 79, died November 21st. A combined Celebration of Life service will be conducted on Sunday, February 21st, at 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Etowah. Visitation for family and friends will be from 4 to 6 p.m. on the 21st at the church. Serenity Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Wednesday's Market Report: U.S. stocks closed mostly higher as oil prices surged. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 183.12 at 16,336.66. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 9.50 at 1,912.53, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 12.71 at 4,504.24.

Commodity markets: The spot price of gold rose \$13.22 to \$1,142.29. The spot price of silver rose \$0.35 to \$14.65, and crude oil prices rose \$2.64 to \$32.52.

PRESIDENT OBAMA CHOOSES DAYTON NATIVE

President Obama has nominated Rachel Held Evans, a native of Dayton and a Bryan College graduate, to serve on the President's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. Evans is a Christian blogger, and speaks at retreats, conferences, universities, and churches across the nation. In 2012, **Christianity Today** named her one of Today's 50 Women to Watch.

TODAY IN HISTORY - FEBRUARY 4

1789 - George Washington became the first and only president to be unanimously elected by the Electoral College. He repeated this notable feat on the same day in 1792.

1801 - John Marshall was sworn in as chief justice of the United States.

1861 - The Confederate States of America was formed at a convention in Montgomery, Alabama. Jefferson Davis was elected president of the Confederacy.

1895 - The first rolling lift bridge opened over the Chicago River at Van Buren Street, Chicago. The bridge used steel trusses or girders across the navigable channel supported by, and rigidly connected to, large steel rollers as curved steel bases, like rocking chair rockers, weighted in the rear to counterbalance the span. To open, the bridge rolled back on its rockers until upright, like a jackknife.

1902 - Aviator Charles Lindbergh was born. He became the first person to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean.

1906 - Christian theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer was born in Germany. His strong stand against Hitler cost him his life. He was hanged by the Nazis.

1913 - Civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks was born Rosa Louise McCauley in Tuskegee, Ala.

1938 - The Thornton Wilder play "Our Town" opened on Broadway.

1944 - Florence LaRue, one of the members of the group The 5th Dimension, was born.

1974 - Newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was kidnapped in Berkeley, Calif., by the Symbionese Liberation Army.

1983 - Singer Karen Carpenter died at the age of 32. The cause of death was heart failure due to anorexia nervosa. She and her brother, Richard, had such hit records as "Close To You" and "Top Of The World".

2004 - The social networking website Facebook was launched.