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State & Area News

BILL WOULD BAN HAND-HELD PHONES

Tennessee lawmakers are looking at a new bill introduced this week that would ban talking on hand-held devices while driving on any road, highway, or street in Tennessee. Currently, ALL cell phone use while driving is banned for teenage drivers and school bus drivers. In addition, it is illegal to use hand-held cell phones in school zones. Stephanie Milani with AAA says they have researched different distractions for drivers. She says there is a "mild" distraction in listening to a radio, but a "moderate" distraction in talking on the phone, either hands-free or hand-held. AAA estimates using a cell phone while driving, hands-free or not, raises the chance of an accident by four times. AAA has suggestions for drivers on avoiding distractions:

- Turn off your phone or switch it to silent mode before getting in the car. If you need to make a call, pull over to a safe area.
- Set up a message to tell callers you are driving and will get back to them as soon as possible.
- Ask a passenger to make calls for you.
- Do not text, surf the web, or read emails while driving.
- Shave or apply makeup before getting in the car.
- Program your GPS before driving.
- Refrain from smoking, eating, drinking, or any other activity that takes your hands, mind, or eyes off the road.

Community News You Can Use

✓ Englewood City Manager Richard Clowers (right) recently presented a plaque to Chief Billy Roach (left) for 37 years of service to the Englewood Fire Department and community.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department)



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Obituaries

- Carl Nelson Mitchell, Jr., age 91, of Athens, died Tuesday. He was retired from Athens Stove Works. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday in McMinn Memory Gardens. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.
- Betty Sue Dalton, age 84, of Delano, died Wednesday. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

MORE RESTAURANT INSPECTION SCORES

The following Etowah restaurants were inspected in December. A passing grade is 70+.

FARMHOUSE RESTAURANT - 99 BECKY'S DINER - 98 SCOTTIES - 98 HONG KONG KING BUFFET - 97 MICHAEL'S OF ETOWAH - 97 CASTILLO'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT - 97 **MEXI-WING ETOWAH - 96** McDONALD'S OF ETOWAH - 96

Books Donated to Library

Two new books have recently been donated to the E.G. Fisher Public Library. Katie Hiney, librarian, accepted "Becoming" by Michelle Obama and "No Ordinary Time, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World War II." The books were given by McMinn Indivisible in celebration of the life of one of their recently deceased members, Betty Freeman. In front of the sign on the left is Bill Freeman (son of Betty Freeman) and on the right is librarian Katie Hiney. (Photo by DiAnn Leman)



NOTE: The Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce announces that its 57th Annual Banquet will be held on Tuesday, March 5th, at 7 p.m. at McMinn Central High School. A silent auction begins at 6. Tickets are \$30 each and are available at the Etowah Chamber office.



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TODAY IN HISTORY - JANUARY 17th

1706 - Benjamin Franklin, American statesman, inventor, and scientist, was born. He was the only man who signed all four of the key documents in American history: the Declaration of Independence, the Treaty of Alliance with France, the Treaty of Peace with Great Britain, and the U.S. Constitution. He also published "Poor Richard's Almanac" which contained many wise and witty sayings, such as "Early to bed and early to rise, make a man healthy, wealthy, and wise."

1899 - Gangster Al Capone was born in Italy. During the 1920's, his gang of mobsters dominated bootlegging, gambling, and other illegal activities in Chicago.

1917 - The U.S. bought 50 of the Virgin Islands from Denmark for \$25-million. Formal transfer of the islands occurred on March 31st. Britain bought the rest of them.

1927 - Singer Ertha Kitt was born. Her biggest hit record was "Santa Baby." She appeared as "Catwoman" on TV's "Batman."