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STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ McMINN JOBLESS RATE DOWN IN NOV.

The unemployment rate in McMinn County dropped again in November. The jobless rate was 10.5% in November, down from 10.9% in October. In November of 2010, the unemployment rate in McMinn County was 12%. The jobless rate in Meigs County was 11.3% in November, up from 11.1% in October. In November of 2010, the Meigs County jobless rate was 12.2%. Unemployment in Monroe County was 11.8% in November, down from 12.1% in October and down from 13% in November a year ago.

◆ THP WARNS YOU TO DRIVE SOBER

The 2011 Christmas holiday period begins at 6 p.m. today. The Tennessee Highway Patrol will again be participating in the national campaign known as "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over." During the Christmas holiday last year six people were killed in traffic crashes on Tennessee roadways. Alcohol was involved in 20% of those crashes and 40% of the victims were not wearing safety restraints. Troopers will conduct a series of sobriety and drivers license checkpoints across the state. A drivers license checkpoint is scheduled for tonight at State Route 68 and Old State Road in Monroe County.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ The impasse over the payroll tax cut extension has ended. The House has agreed to go along with the Senate on a two-month extension.

◆ Iraqi officials say 65 people were killed Thursday in a series of car bombs and other explosions in Baghdad. The attacks took place just days after the last American armed forces left the country.

◆ Stocks edged higher on Thursday after a report that new jobless claims hit a 3½ year low last week. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 61.91 at 12,169.65.

◆ Two major recalls have been announced. Wal-Mart is removing Enfamil Newborn baby formula from its stores after the death of a Missouri infant. And Johnson & Johnson is asking retailers to remove about 12 million bottles of Motrin pain relievers from their shelves. The coated caplets may not dissolve as quickly as intended as they near their expiration dates.

◆ UPS pilots will seek a court order to force the FAA to include cargo pilots in new regulations aimed at preventing pilot fatigue. The FAA exempted cargo haulers like UPS and FedEx, saying the new rules would cost them an extra \$300 million over 10 years.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
THE GIFT OF GOOD HEALTH
AND HAPPINESS THIS
COMING YEAR.
FROM MY FAMILY TO
YOURS,
KEITH PRICE

Friday-December 23, 2011

Athens, Tennessee

Christmas Holiday Closings

In observance of Christmas, the Athens Municipal Building and Public Works will be closed today and Monday. The Recycle Center and Animal Shelter will be closed today, Saturday, and Monday. Residential garbage normally picked up on Monday will be picked up next Tuesday.

If you plan to pay your county property taxes before the end of the year, the McMinn County Trustee's Office will be closed Friday through Tuesday. The office will be open next Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Property taxes may be paid online anytime. Just go to www.tennessee trustee.com and click on McMinn County and follow the instructions.

The McMinn County Clerk's Office (including the Drivers' License Office) will be closed today, Saturday, and Monday for the Christmas holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, December 27th, at 8:30 a.m.

SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN

The Athens Fire Department will carry Santa around the city in a white pickup truck with red lights from 4 to 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Friday, Santa will visit Ingleside Avenue, South Jackson Street and Highways 11 and 30. Saturday, he visits the North City and City Park neighborhoods.

Church News & Events

- Athens First Baptist Church will have a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and Lord's Supper at 5 p.m.
- Union Grove Baptist Church of Decatur invites everyone to their Christmas Program this Saturday at 7 p.m.
- Fairview Baptist Church will have a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6 p.m.

Obituaries

John Robert Goins, age 74, of Riceville died this past Tuesday. He was a native of San Diego, California, and had lived in McMinn County for 5½ years. He had been a car salesman and was a veteran of the Air Force. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Vera Ellen "Mason" Warden, age 62, of Etowah died Wednesday at her home. No formal visitation will take place. There will be a private memorial service at a later date. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



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And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7



And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2: 10 & 11

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2: 13 & 14

The Full Account of the Birth of Jesus can be found in Matthew 1 & 2 and Luke 2 in the Holy Bible

MERRY CHRISTMAS
from the
Morning Fax Staff

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3: 16