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## Local and State News

### ◆ UNEMPLOYMENT STATS LOOK BETTER

The unemployment rate took a nice drop in the area in November. The jobless rate in McMinn County fell from 9.2% in October to 8.3% in November. The unemployment rate in Meigs County was an even 9% in November; down from 9.7% in October. And in Monroe County, the jobless rate fell from 10.8% in October, all the way down to 9.1% in November.

### ◆ RICEVILLE FAMILY RESCUED FROM HIKE

A short hike turned into a life or death ordeal for Dewayne Galyon, his wife Mandy, and their two children, Meredith and Andrew, on Friday evening. The Galyon's went to the top of Starr Mountain Friday afternoon with the intention of walking down Forest Service Trail 190 to the trailhead at Gee Creek in Polk County. During the descent, they got off the main trail and onto a little used trail that had not been maintained. As a result, they ended up at the top of a 2000 foot bluff and couldn't navigate their way back, with darkness upon them. The West Polk Fire-Rescue was called and located the family, rappelled them down the cliff, transferred them to Stokes Baskets, and then transported them on ATV's to waiting medic units. Mandy Galyon and the two children were taken to Skyridge Hospital with hypothermia. Approximately 25 members of the West Polk Fire-Rescue responded along with members of the Bradley County HASTY team and Bradley County Fire-Rescue. East Polk Fire-Rescue and the Etowah Rural Fire Department were placed on standby. ~From Jay Thomson and staff reports.

## NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

### ◆ THIEVES STEAL ATM FROM LOCAL STORE

Athens Police are investigating a daring break-in at a local convenience store. A white 1999 Ford Van was used to back into the front entrance of Ian's Market and Marathon Gas Station, at the corner of North Congress Parkway and John Duncan Parkway. The break-in occurred shortly after 2 a.m. Sunday. The thieves were able to take an ATM from inside the store and haul it away. McMinn Deputies discovered the abandoned van on County Road 313 Sunday afternoon. The van was registered to a business in Knoxville. APD Detective Freddie Schultz is investigating the break-in.

◆ The U.S. Senate ended the day on Sunday still sharply divided over how to avoid the automatic income-tax hikes and deep government spending cuts set to kick in Jan. 1, that many economists believe could plunge the economy into a new recession.

◆ Recalling the shooting rampage that killed 20 first graders as the worst day of his presidency, President Obama pledged to put his "full weight" behind legislation aimed at preventing gun violence.

◆ Two missing Georgia boys have been found safe in Texas and their father has been taken into police custody. Moments after pleading for her boys' return on television, the boys' mother, Theresa Nash, received a phone call from a citizen in Texas who said he was with her sons.

◆ A tour bus careened through a guardrail on an icy Oregon highway and fell several hundred feet down a steep embankment Sunday, killing five people and injuring about 20 others.



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### WEATHER

**Monday** - Mostly cloudy. High-low to mid 50's.

**Monday night** - Cloudy. 80% rain chance. Low-upper 30's.

**Tuesday** - Cloudy. Near 100% rain showers. High-upper 40's.

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Monday, December 31, 2012

Athens, Tennessee

### Obituaries

**Brenda B. Lee**, age 71, of Reliance, died Friday at Woods Memorial Hospital, following a lengthy illness. No service or visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**William Roberts Selden**, age 91, of Athens, died Christmas Day at Athens Morning Pointe Assisted Living Center. He helped form both the McMinn County Historical Society and Archives and the McMinn Living Heritage Museum, serving as an officer and board member of both organizations. He served on the Board of the East Tennessee Historical Society. He was a member of the Society of the Lees of Virginia; First Families of Virginia; The Huguenot Society; Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence; The Order of the Crown of Charlemagne; & Descendants of the Sons of the American Revolution. He was employed by Mayfield Dairy for 43 years serving as their Corporate Treasurer. He was a veteran of WWII serving in the Battle of Bulge, where he was awarded the Bronze Star. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, January 19, at Keith Memorial United Methodist Church. A reception will follow afterwards. Smith Funeral and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

**Wayne Michael Moses**, age 82, of Etowah, died last Thursday. He served in the U.S. Army and was retired from Safeway. Graveside services were held Saturday at Green Hill Cemetery with Bordwine Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

### Obituaries-Continued

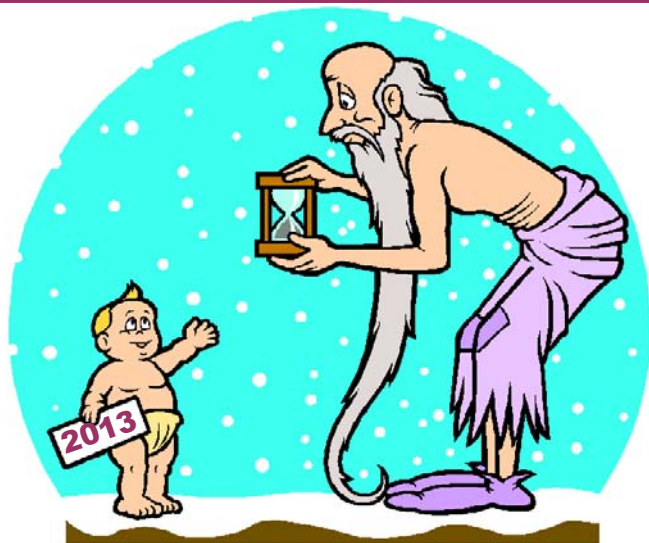
**Elbert Wilson Elkins**, age 87, of Athens, died Friday at Life Care Center of Athens. He was retired from Mayfield Dairy in 1990 after 42 years of service. A Masonic service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with a funeral service to follow. Visitation will be Monday from 5 to 7 p.m., prior to the service, at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

**Charles Albert "Bud" Walker**, age 79, of Ten Mile, died last Friday at Life Care Center of Athens. Funeral services were held Saturday at Ziegler Funeral Home with burial on Sunday in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

**Steve Allan McKheen**, age 51, of Decatur and a longtime resident of Athens, died Saturday at Athens Regional Medical Center. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at West End Baptist Church in Athens. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

**Millard "Junior" Dills**, age 61, of the Tranquility Community near Athens, died Sunday at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

**Governor Bill Haslam** has appointed 3 local residents to various state boards. Marithia Silvers of Calhoun has been named to the State Board of Nursing. Jill Davis of Englewood has been appointed to the Tennessee Board of Water Quality, Oil, and Gas. Davis heads the AUB Water Division. McMinn County Mayor John Gentry has been placed on the Local Government Planning Advisory Council.



Happy New Year !

### This Day In History, December 31

**1879** - Thomas Edison first publicly demonstrated his electric incandescent light in Menlo Park, N.J.

**1909** - The Manhattan Bridge, spanning the East River between Manhattan and Brooklyn, was officially opened to vehicular traffic.

**1943** - Singer John Denver was born. Among his hit records were, "Annie's Song," "Back Home Again," and "Take Me Home, Country Roads." He was killed in a crash while flying his experimental airplane.

**1946** - President Harry Truman proclaimed the official end of World War Two, more than one year after the surrender of Germany and Japan.

**1985** - Singer Rick Nelson, 45, and six other people were killed when fire broke out aboard a DC-3 that was flying the group to a New Year's Eve performance in Dallas.