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Monday-December 9, 2013

Athens, Tennessee

### Local and State News

#### ◆ BURGLARS HIT ADJOINING STORES

Athens detectives are investigating two burglaries that took place early last Friday morning. Officers responded to a burglar alarm at the Verizon store on Decatur Pike. They discovered that the front door of The Bed Store next door had been pried open. Officers then found that the burglar or burglars had punched a hole in the wall between the two businesses. They actually broke through a total of three walls and three doors to get into the Verizon store, where they damaged the security system's cameras. Initial indications were that no property was taken from either business.

#### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Gem Players invite the public to their 3rd annual *A Merry Tuba Christmas* on Saturday, December 14th, at the historic Gem Theater in Etowah. The free event will feature tuba and euphonium players of all ages performing traditional Christmas carols.
- ✓ The Knoxville Symphony Chamber Orchestra returns to Athens tomorrow night, Dec. 10th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Athens City Middle School. The concert will also feature McMinn County's own Our Three Tenors. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students.

### NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ In one of the biggest advances in the fight against leukemia and other blood and bone marrow cancers, doctors are reporting success by using gene therapy to convert patients' blood cells into "soldiers" that seek and destroy cancer. More than 120 patients have been treated with stunning results. In one study, all five adults and 19 of 22 children with acute lymphocytic leukemia had a complete remission.

◆ Franklin Graham says the health of his father, Dr. Billy Graham, has declined quite a bit in the last few days. Dr. Graham is 95 and was hospitalized for two days last month with a respiratory issue.

◆ United Airlines is trying to determine how a passenger got left behind and locked onboard a jet during a layover in Houston. Tom Wagner says he fell asleep on the plane and woke up in the pitch black cabin. He called his girlfriend, who then called the airline, which sent a crew to the plane.

◆ Dolly Parton has announced a Tennessee concert date as part of her Blue Smoke World Tour next year. Parton plans to perform in Knoxville on May 28th. It will be a benefit for her Imagination Library. She'll also do a concert in Cherokee, N.C., on May 25th.



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### WEATHER

**Monday** - 100% chance of rain, high of 51  
**Monday night** - 90% chance of rain, low of 39  
**Tuesday** - 70% chance of rain, high of 45  
See our Zoom Radar at:  
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### Christmas In Downtown Athens

The annual Old Fashioned Christmas in Downtown Athens took place last Saturday evening. The photos submitted by Austin Webb and Barry Cochran show dancers, tumblers, Jim Nelson as Scrooge, and members of the Southeast Tennessee String Ensemble.



### Obituaries

**Basil H. Nunley, Sr.**, age 90, of Riceville died Friday at his residence. He had been a farmer, business owner, postmaster, pulpwood dealer, and Boy Scout leader. He served in the Marines in the Pacific during World War II. He was a co-founder of the Riceville Utility District and was a charter member of the Woods Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, serving on the board for 39 years. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**Edwin Kay "Pete" Jennings**, age 59, of Decatur died last Wednesday. He was employed in sales with L&M Motors in Athens. He was a Meigs County Commissioner and had served as Meigs County Circuit Court Clerk, Purchase and Finance Commissioner, and had been a Meigs County Executive. Funeral services were held this past Friday at Bowers Funeral Home.

**Steven Lee Pickel**, age 63, of Arkansas died November 25th at his residence. He was a native of McMinn County and was a former employee of McMinn County Ambulance Service. He had also been a veteran detective who served under four different sheriffs across the state of Tennessee for more than 15 years. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

**Richard Steven "Rick" Wattenbarger**, age 64, of Athens died last Friday at his residence. He was a retired truck driver with Case Enterprises. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

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