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Today's News...This Morning

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Tuesday, December 13, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

## Local & State News

### ◆ UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS SLIGHTLY

The unemployment rate for McMinn County dropped a bit in October, falling from 5.8% in September to 5.7% in October. Meigs County's rate dropped from 7% in September to 6.4% in October. Monroe County's jobless rate held steady at 5.5% both months.

### ◆ M&M MARS WINS 1ST PLACE

The rescheduled Etowah Christmas Parade was held last Saturday evening. Pictured below is the 1st place float winner, M&M Mars. Athens Federal Community Bank was 2nd and Covenant Pediatrics was 3rd. (Photo courtesy of Durant Tullock)



## NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ Beware of another email scam disguised as a delivery notice. These scam emails generally appear to be from FedEx, DHL Express, UPS or the U.S. Postal Service. Many of these emails will say that there was a failed delivery and ask you to follow a link or download an attachment for more information. These links or attachments could contain a virus or other malware. Do not open these attachments and delete the email immediately.

◆ Wall Street closed mixed Tuesday despite another record high for the Dow and a rally in oil prices. The Dow gained 39.58 to close at 19,796.43. The Nasdaq gave up 31.96 to close at 5,412.54, and the S&P 500 finished down 2.57 to close at 2,256.96. Crude oil jumped nearly 2 percent with prices hitting over \$53 a barrel after a new deal to reduce output by top oil producers was announced.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ Donations and volunteers are needed for the annual Christmas Day Dinner in Englewood. The meal is for anyone in the area. If you would like to help, call Theresa at 506-9777. Donations can be made to "Christmas Dinner" at any Simmons Bank branch.
- ✓ The Meigs County Tennis Team will hold a silent auction and Kinslee Melhorn concert this Saturday, December 17th, at Cottonport Marina. The silent auction starts at 5 p.m. and the concert begins at 6:30 p.m.

### HOLIDAY MEALS

(Let Angela Cook for you!! Relax and enjoy the season.)  
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### WEATHER FORECAST

**Tuesday** - Cloudy. 60% rain.  
 High 50.

**Tuesday night** - Partly cloudy.  
 20% rain. High 31.

**Wednesday** - Cloudy. 10% rain.  
 High 47.

More weather at: [www.wyxi.com](http://www.wyxi.com)

## RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



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### Niota Fire Dept. Celebrates Christmas

The Niota Fire Department celebrated Christmas with local families this past Sunday. Throughout the year the fire department has worked to raise money to provide a meal, food baskets, and gifts to underprivileged families in the community. The families who attended were also urged to remember the reason for the season: the gift of salvation offered by Jesus. (Photo by the Niota Fire Department)



### LEAF COLLECTION RESUMES

Due to the recent tornado, loose leaf collection in the city of Athens was suspended in order to concentrate on tornado debris. Now that the initial debris has been cleared, the Public Works Department has resumed the leaf vacuum collection routes.

### Obituaries

- **Carl Lee "Alright" Melton**, age 83, of Athens, died Saturday at his home. He was associated with Mayfield Dairy Farms as a routeman, retiring after 28 years of service. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Sarah Katherine Hale Burris**, age 79, of Calhoun, died Sunday at Life Care Center of Cleveland. She was a member of Calhoun United Methodist Church where she played the piano for 31 years. She was past president of the Heritage Quilt Guild. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Calhoun United Methodist Church with visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.
- **Loring Wayne Rogers**, age 52, of Athens, died Sunday. He was an electrical engineer for TVA for 30 years. He had coached basketball, baseball, softball, and golf teams for many area youth organizations and at Fairview Christian Academy. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Central Baptist Church, with visitation from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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### TODAY IN HISTORY, DECEMBER 13th

- 1577** - Sir Francis Drake sailed from England to begin his voyage around the world.
- 1835** - Preacher Phillips Brooks was born on this date. He wrote the Christmas carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem."
- 1862** - Confederate forces dealt Union troops a major defeat at the Battle of Fredericksburg in Virginia.
- 1887** - Sergeant Alvin York was born in Pall Mall, Tennessee. During World War One, he led an attack on a German machinegun nest and almost singlehandedly killed 25 of the enemy and captured 132 prisoners and 35 machineguns. He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.
- 1918** - President Woodrow Wilson arrived in France to attend the post-World War I peace conference at Versailles, becoming the first chief executive to visit Europe while in office.
- 1941** - Singer John Davidson was born.
- 1949** - Singer Randy Owen of Alabama was born.
- 1981** - Authorities in Poland imposed martial law in a crackdown on the Solidarity labor movement.
- 2001** - The Pentagon released a captured videotape of Osama bin Laden in which the al-Qaida leader said the deaths and destruction achieved by the September 11th attacks exceeded his "most optimistic" expectations.
- 2003** - Ousted Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was captured by U.S. forces while hiding in a hole under a farmhouse in Adwar, near his hometown of Tikrit.