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## STATE & LOCAL NEWS

### ◆ GREEKS TO OPEN ON THURSDAY

Excitement is running high as Greeks Bearing Gifts is planning its grand re-opening this Thursday, Nov. 30th, in Downtown Athens. Greeks was one of the businesses that suffered major damage from the July 1st fire at the Jim Logan law office building on Jackson Street. Greeks was two buildings away, but received heavy smoke and water damage. The owners, Jim and Patti Greek, say their remodeled store will have a new paint scheme, will carry three new lines of merchandise, and will be decorated for Christmas. The photo shows, from left, Ella Lansdell, Kylie Jones, Patti Greek, Payton Mathews, and Shawna Hart as they gave out cups of eggnog in front of the store during Old Fashioned Downtown Christmas.



(Photo by Cheri Harrison)

## National & World News

◆ Daniel Colaner, a 12-year-old cancer survivor from Akron, Ohio learned piano as a young child while battling his disease and unlocked a talent and passion that paved the way for a once-in-a-lifetime performance. Colaner, who is also a musical prodigy, made his Carnegie Hall debut on Sunday, November 26th performing Chopin's "Fantaisie Impromptu."

◆ Kensington Palace announced Monday that Prince Harry, fifth in line to the British throne, is engaged to American actress Meghan Markle. Prince Harry is 33 and Meghan is 36.

◆ The militants who carried out an attack during Friday prayers at a mosque in Egypt's Sinai peninsula were carrying ISIS flags. Some of the attackers wore masks, but all wore military-like uniforms.

### UNEMPLOYMENT RISES A BIT IN THE AREA

The unemployment rate in Tennessee remains at record lows, but the rate did go up slightly in the Athens area last month. The jobless rate in McMinn County was 3.6% in October, up from 3.3% in September. Meigs County recorded an unemployment rate of 4.1% in October, up from 3.3% in September. Monroe County's jobless rate was 3.3% in October, up from 3.0% in September. Polk County's unemployment rate went up from 3.3% in September to 3.6% in October. The jobless rate for Bradley County also went up, from 2.7% in September to 2.9% in October. Rhea County continued to have the highest unemployment rate in the state, 5.4% in October, up from 4.9% in September.

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## Obituaries

- ♦ **Eric Dewayne Wright**, age 46, of Athens, died Sunday at his home. He had worked at Johnson Controls. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Thomas Lee "Tom" Raper**, age 74, of Riceville, died Friday at UT Medical Center. He retired from Sweetner Products, Inc., in California after 20 years and retired as a professional truck driver with Covenant Trucking as a driver trainer. A celebration of life service will be announced at a later date. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Lamous Sonny Arnwine**, age 69, of Athens, died last Friday at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens.
- ♦ **Reuben Thomas Brackett**, age 81, died Sunday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah.
- ♦ **Dr. Robert J. Shearer**, age 79, of Etowah, died Saturday at his residence. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and retired from the Army National Guard as a full Colonel. He practiced dentistry for 35 years in Etowah. Graveside services will be today at 11 a.m. at Green Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Heather Standridge Barnes**, age 47, of Riceville died Saturday at University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home of Athens.
- ♦ **Viola "Sip" Hyde**, age 83, of Delano, died Saturday. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

## Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The McMinn County Sheriff's Office is currently conducting Citizen Response to Active Shooter Events and Church Safety and Security Training. A training session was held Monday night at Englewood Christian Church. There will be another session on December 21st at East Athens Baptist Church. The training is provided by Sheriff Joe Guy, a certified instructor, and is intended for up to 8 members of church security teams and church leadership per church. Any church interested in having a training session should contact Sheriff Guy at 745-5620.
- ✓ The Meigs Middle and High School Choirs, Handbells, and Guitars will present their Christmas concert entitled *Twas the Night Before Christmas* this Thursday, Nov. 30th, at 6 p.m. in the Meigs High gym. The doors will open at 5 p.m. The concert will consist of 290 choir, handbell, and guitar members.
- ✓ The McMinn Senior Activity Center is offering free legal services to residents age 60 and over on Friday, December 1st. Appointments begin at 1 p.m. and are for 15 minutes. Follow-up appointments can be made if needed. You can make an appointment by calling 745-6830.
- ✓ The annual Candlelight Walk will be held in Historic Downtown Tellico Plains this Saturday, Dec. 2nd, from 4 to 9 p.m. There will also be horse-drawn wagon rides, and Santa will arrive at the Santa House at 5 p.m. The ladies of the Cherokee Women's Club will be selling cookies and candles.



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