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## Local & State News

### ◆ MAJOR DRUG BUST IN MEIGS COUNTY

An investigation into illicit drugs in Meigs County, which was begun two years ago, has resulted in charges against 19 individuals accused of drug trafficking. Last Monday, the Meigs County Grand Jury returned indictments, charging 18 people with various crimes. A warrant was also issued for a 19th individual for a probation violation. On Friday, 11 of the 19 had been arrested and booked into jail:

- Sheena McHone, age 28 of Ten Mile.
- Travis Joe Edwards, age 40 of Niota.
- William Skinner, age 51 of Decatur.
- Ronald Dale Britt, age 44 of Georgetown.
- Judy Moats, age 58 of Decatur.
- Jennifer McKenzie, age 41, of Athens.
- Amanda Brooke Ward, age 27, of Decatur.
- Jason Dills, age 32 of Ten Mile.
- Emerson Eaton III, age 42, of Decatur.
- Surlina Eaton, age 46, of Decatur.
- Tabitha Townson, age 36, of Decatur.

The drug investigation involved the TBI, the Meigs County Sheriff's Department, Decatur Police Department, McMinn Sheriff's Office, The Tennessee Department of Corrections and the Drug Task Forces of the 9th and 10th Judicial Districts. For a list of charges and photos of those already apprehended follow this link: [TBI](#)

## National and World News

◆ ABC News has suspended Chief Investigative Correspondent Brian Ross for four weeks without pay for his reporting about the Michael Flynn plea agreement during a television special broadcast Friday. ABC News says it deeply regrets and apologizes for the serious error. The reporting had not been fully vetted through ABC's editorial standards process. President Trump said the Ross report caused the Dow to tumble 350 points on Friday. Trump Tweeted that investors should consider filing a lawsuit against ABC for their financial losses.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ A section of Rocky Mount Road between Old Riceville Road and Dennis Street will be closed Tuesday, December 5th beginning at 9 a.m. for a short period of time. AUB crews will be installing a water tap for a new commercial building being constructed behind Coordinated Charities.
- ✓ Cherokee Beekeepers will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at AgCentral CO-OP in Athens.
- ✓ The guest on Chamber Chat, the Athens Chamber of Commerce weekly radio show, will be Steve Neill of Woodman Life at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI, AM-1390, FM 94.5 & [ONLINE](#).



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**Monday** - Mostly sunny.

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**Mon. night** - Mostly Cloudy.

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**Tuesday** - Cloudy. 90% rain .

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More Weather at: [wysi.com](http://wysi.com)



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## Obituaries

- ♦ **Francis Louise Priest Meinheit**, age 69, of Decatur, died Friday at her home. She was a native of Woodstock, Georgia and had lived in McMinn and Meigs County for many years. A funeral service will be Monday at 3 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday at Ziegler.
- ♦ **Archie Creel**, age 73, of Englewood, died Friday at Starr Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens.
- ♦ **Barbara Ann Hicks**, age 81, of Decatur, died Thursday at NHC of Athens. She was retired from Polyform, Inc. with over 19 years of service. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Bowers Funeral Home in Decatur. Visitation was held Sunday.
- ♦ **William Richard Landreth**, age 57, of Athens, died Thursday at Starr Regional Health and Rehabilitation. At his request, there will be no formal services at this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Jimmy D. McNeely**, age 81, of Decatur, died Saturday at his home. He was retired as a carpenter and was formerly associated with TVA. A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral with visitation from 12 noon until 2 p.m. Wednesday at Ziegler.
- ♦ **Donald Duncan Starkey, Jr.**, age 69, of Calhoun, died Saturday at Starr Regional of Athens. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Ziegler Funeral Home.

## More Obituaries

- ♦ **Jerry Ross Wilson**, age 71, of Athens, died Saturday at his residence. He was retired from Mayfield's Dairy after 39 years of service. He was a charter member of the Chilhowee Rod and Gun Club and served in the National Guard. A funeral service will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

### It's Christmas Parade Time in East Tennessee

The Christmas Holiday season is now in full swing with a multitude of parades on the schedule. The first parade to be held was in Englewood last Friday night. Mark Cochran, with C.A.G.E. submitted this photo of "Old Saint Nick" taking a ride through town in a Jeep! The next parade will be tonight here in Athens. The annual "Jimmy Limer" Memorial Christmas parade gets underway at 6:30 p.m. this evening. The parade begins at the Athens City Middle School, then proceeds down Keith Lane onto West Madison Avenue and then travels to the courthouse and then returns to the ACMS. A large crowd is expected. The Optimist Club of Athens will host their annual Soup & Chili Supper from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Mars Hill Presbyterian Church.



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