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Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ 2ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIG TORNADO

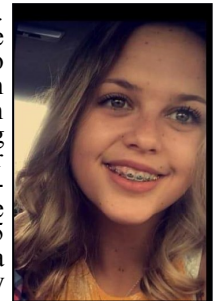
Two years ago today, a tornado touched down in the early morning hours in the Cedar Springs Road area. The twister hop scotched northward for 11 miles, taking down cell phone towers, damaging or destroying virtually every house in the Deerfield Estates area along Highway 307, and causing heavy damage to the Save-a-Lot, the Daily Post-Athenian, C&D Tires, WYXI Radio, and Fairview Baptist Church and Fairview Christian Academy. Now, two years later, the DPA is back in its building, although the newspaper is being printed elsewhere. Save-a-Lot is open. C&D is in the process of rebuilding at its S. White Street location, WYXI's studio and transmitter buildings have been repaired. Construction is moving right along on Fairview Christian Academy's new facility.



And most of the homes in Deerfield Estates have been repaired or rebuilt. The photo above shows damage to Save-a-Lot from the Nov. 30, 2016, tornado.

Three Die in Highway 11 Crash

A traffic crash Wednesday afternoon on U.S. 11 at Reagan Station, north of Niota, took the lives of three people—a young woman and two small children. State Trooper Ben Harrison says Morgan Goldman, 18, of Athens (shown right in a Facebook photo) was killed along with her two nieces, ages 1 and 5. Trooper Harrison's report says Ms. Goldman was traveling on County Road 351 and pulled up to the intersection with Highway 11 around 3:15 p.m. She pulled onto Highway 11 to make a left turn and was struck on the driver's side by a northbound pickup truck that was passing several other vehicles. Ms. Goldman and the two little girls were killed. The driver of the pickup was injured. She was identified as 30-year-old Raquel Brady of Athens. Trooper Harrison says charges against Brady are pending. Morning Fax reader Dan Lehman sent the photo of the wreck scene. A Go Fund Me account has been set up for the families of the victims or you can mail checks to: Union McMinn Baptist Church, P.O. Box 269, Niota, TN 37826.



CORRECTION: The Decatur Christmas Parade will be held Sunday at 3 p.m., not at 12 noon as reported in Thursday's Fax.

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Friday - 70% rain. High 58.
Fri. Night - 60% rain. L-50.
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Sunday - Sunny. High 67.
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Obituaries

- ♦ **Helen Marie Hoogland O'Donnell**, age 80, of Athens, died Tuesday at Life Care Center of Athens. She shared her curious nature with many Athens City School students. She volunteered for Meals on Wheels and was an active member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Athens for 50 years. She served on the building fund committee to help design and build the church at its current location. A Memorial Mass will be held Monday, Dec. 10th at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, with a luncheon to follow. The family will receive friends in the Narthex of the church at 10 a.m. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Rosa Lee Davis**, age 70, of McMinn County, died Thursday in a Chattanooga hospital. She was born on Grandview Mountain and was retired from M & M Mars Company in Cleveland. A celebration of life service will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens, with visitation from 1 to 3 p.m.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks edged lower, with the best-performing sectors being energy and basic materials. In economic news, Federal Open Market Committee minutes indicated that the Fed still plans to raise interest rates in December. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 28 points or 0.1% to 25,339. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 6 points or 0.2% to 2,738, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 19 points or 0.3% to 7,273.

Church News & Events

- St. Paul's Episcopal Church presents a Choral Evensong for the First Sunday in Advent this Sunday at 5 p.m. The church is located at 123 South Jackson Street, Athens.
- First Baptist Church of Athens invites you to "Hanging of the Greens" this Sunday at 5 p.m.
- McMahan Calvary Baptist Church will have a Drive-Thru Nativity on December 7th from 6 to 8 p.m. The church is located on Clearwater Road.
- St. Trevor Thomas Ministries will be performing at Pope Avenue Baptist Church in Athens this Sunday at 6 p.m. The church is located at 301 Pope Street.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Public Works Department announces the following street closures for the Jimmy Limer Memorial Christmas Parade next Monday evening. Madison Avenue will be closed from Cook Drive (next to the hospital) and N. Jackson Street. Washington Avenue will be closed from Green Street (Highway 30) to W. Madison Avenue. Keith Lane will be blocked from Crestway Drive to W. Madison Avenue. Hill Street will be closed from Madison to Washington. N. Jackson St. will be closed from Madison Avenue to Cook Drive. White Street will be closed from Coach Farmer Drive to Madison Avenue. College Street will be blocked at White Street. In addition, side streets intersecting with Madison and Washington Avenues will be blocked.



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- 🎟️ **Ridge Outfitters** (Dessert)
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- 🎟️ **Sullivan's on Jackson** (Dessert)
- 🎟️ **Athens Movie Palace** (Present this ticket on Thursday, December 6th and receive "Buy One, Get One Free" tickets for the movie of your choice.)

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