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Wednesday-January 09, 2013

Athens, Tennessee

## Local & State News

◆ **ONE FATALITY IN MEIGS COUNTY WRECK**  
 One person was killed shortly before noon on Tuesday at the intersection of Highway 30 and Highway 58, just below Decatur. An 18-wheeler logging truck driven by 38-year-old Roy G. Thompson of Grandview, was traveling eastbound on Highway 30 and collided with a 1992 Honda going southbound on Highway 58, and driven by 25-year-old Steven P. Capps of Athens. The Honda was T-boned by the truck, when Capps failed to stop at the red light at the intersection. A passenger in the Honda, identified as 21-year-old Brandon T. Hadden of Cleveland, was reported dead at the scene. Capps suffered a severe head injury and was flown by a medical helicopter from near the scene of the wreck. State Trooper Kevin Hoppe's report stated that drugs and alcohol were not a factor in the wreck and criminal charges are pending. Hadden and Thompson were both wearing safety belts; it was unknown if Capps was.

◆ **ATHENS BROTHERS FACING GUN TRIAL**  
 Two men from Athens, Carl and Richard Monroe, are on trial in Chattanooga Federal Court, charged with selling "assault-type" weapons for profit without a federal firearms license. According to the Chattanooga Times Free Press, undercover agents with the ATF were able to purchase numerous firearms from the brothers. A man identified as a "confidential informant and convicted felon", was able to purchase a .357 caliber revolver from Carl Monroe. Agents say they seized over 180 firearms from Carl Monroe's home last summer.

## NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ An investigator testified Tuesday morning that suspect James Holmes purchased four handguns and nearly 6,300 rounds of ammunition online and in person during the two months leading up to the Aurora, Colorado movie massacre.

◆ Speaking in his annual State of the State address against the backdrop of a potentially divisive election year, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie vowed he will rise above politics and make storm recovery his biggest priority. "One thing I hope everyone now clearly understands, New Jersey, both Republicans and Democrats, will never stand silent when our citizens are being short-changed," Christie said. "Some things are above politics. Sandy was and is one of those things."

◆ Tennessee Senator Bob Corker said Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton will testify January 22nd on the 2012 attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya. Corker spoke with Clinton's chief of staff and believes that her hearing will take place on the morning of the 22nd.

◆ Vice President Joe Biden, will host a meeting Thursday that will include a representative from the National Rifle Association. Biden is set to unveil his post-Newtown recommendations on gun violence later this month.

◆ An off-the-charts heat record was set by the United States in 2012. The average annual U.S. temperature last year pushed up to 55.32 degrees Fahrenheit due to a brutal combination of a wide-spread drought and a mostly absent winter. That's a full degree warmer than the old record set in 1998.

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### WEATHER

**Wednesday** - Mostly cloudy. 50% rain. Hgh - upper 50's.  
**Wednesday night** - Cloudy. 50% rain. Low-Upper 40's.  
**Thursday** - Mostly cloudy. 50% rain. Hgh - Mid 60's.  
See our Zoom Radar at:  
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Athens, Tennessee

### FIRE DESTROYS SHED

A small fire got out of control Tuesday afternoon at the home of Sherman Williams on County Road 616. Williams stated he was trying to burn down a small shed next to his equipment barn. Firefighters from the Claxton and Etowah Rural FD's were able to bring it under control. Photo by Jay Thomson.



#### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ Athens Regional Medical Center and AMR Ambulance Service will provide a class in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) on Friday, January 11th. It will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at the McMinn County Senior Center. The class is free, but registration is required. Call Milli Tallent, RN, CDE, at 744-3249 for details.

### OBITUARIES

**Aulsie (Al) W. Rogers, Jr.**, age 79, of Athens, died Monday at his residence. He was an electrical engineer with TVA at Watts Bar Nuclear Plant for twenty years and a quality assurance manager at Watts Bar Unit One until his retirement. He also served at Brown's Ferry Nuclear Plant. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. A funeral service will be at 7 p.m., Wednesday at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 5-7 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home.

### Tuesday's Market Closings

U.S. stocks retreated for a second day as investors look forward to fourth-quarter earnings reports. Several economic reports released on Tuesday provided some mixed signals as one report indicated an unexpected increase in small business optimism in December, while a separate report showed economic optimism rose less than anticipated in January. U.S. Treasury prices were mostly higher with strength in equities. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 55.44 at 13,328.85. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 4.74 at 1,457.15, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 7.01 at 3,091.81. Volume on the New York Stock Exchange was 651.77 million shares traded. Decliners outnumbered advancers by roughly a 3 - to - 2 margin. In commodity markets, the spot price of gold rose \$12.45 to \$1,659.40. The spot price of silver rose \$0.19 to \$30.32, and crude oil prices rose \$0.09 to \$93.28.

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### Today In History - - January 9

**1913** - Richard Nixon, the 37th U.S. president, was born. He served as both a U.S. Representative and Senator from California and was vice-president under President Eisenhower. He was elected president in 1968 and resigned in 1974 in the aftermath of the Watergate scandal.

**1940** - Singer Jimmy Boyd was born. His biggest hit was "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus."

**1951** - Singer Crystal Gayle was born. Her real name is Brenda Webb. Her sister, Loretta Lynn, suggested she take her stage name from the well-known hamburger chain.

**2006** - "The Phantom of the Opera" became the longest-running show in Broadway history, surpassing "Cats," which ran for 7,485 performances.

**2007** - Apple CEO Steve Jobs unveiled the first iPhone. Jobs died on October 5, 2011 at the age of 56.

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