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Local and State News

- ◆ **MAYOR PRAISES COMMISSIONER MASON**
McMinn County Mayor John Gentry issued this statement regarding the passing of County Commissioner Gary Mason: "McMinn County lost a true public servant with the passing of Commissioner Gary Mason. Gary served the 2nd District with integrity and honor. His thoughtful, steady leadership and, most of all, his friendship will be dearly missed. McMinn County is a better place because of his contributions, and my prayers go out to the Mason family during this difficult loss."
- ◆ **COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**
 - ✓ If you're needing a Christmas Dinner, you are invited to the Community Center in Englewood from 4 to 6 p.m. on Christmas Day. A group of Englewood citizens will serve a free dinner to anyone who comes to the Community Center. They will even deliver if you call ahead. They are still needing donations to buy food and they need volunteers who will provide music or tell stories. For more information, call 506-9777.
 - ✓ The Athens Fire Department will escort Santa through the City Park and North City neighborhoods from 5 to 8:30 tonight. Santa will travel in a white pickup truck with sirens sounding!
 - ✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce announces that its 68th Annual Dinner Meeting & Community Awards program will be held on Thursday, January 30th, at the Sherman Fine Arts Building on the TWC campus. A silent auction will be held starting at 5:30 p.m. with dinner to follow at 6:30 p.m.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ The Obama administration effectively extended Monday's deadline for signing up for Obamacare by one more day, giving Americans in 36 states more time to select a plan. The grace period, which runs through Tuesday, was the latest in a series of pushed-back deadlines and delays that have marked the rollout of the new health care law.
- ◆ Four ground crew people were slightly injured after the wing of a British Airways Boeing 747 crashed into a Johannesburg airport building. The accident was caused by the plane using the wrong taxi way which was too narrow for the jumbo passenger jet.
- ◆ About 3,000 foreigners including British, Canadian and Kenyan citizens are trapped in a South Sudan city experiencing bouts of heavy machine gun fire. This is one of the most violent areas of a weeklong conflict that has likely killed more than 1,000 people.
- ◆ Thanks to a steady diet of freezing rain and cold temperatures, parts of the country will be covered with ice through Christmas and beyond. In Maine, the number of people without power spiked to more than 68,000, and in Michigan, upstate New York and northern New England, more than 390,000 homes and businesses were without power Monday.
- ◆ In 2004, Peyton Manning, set the NFL record for the most touchdown passes in a single season, throwing 49 of them that year. Tom Brady would break that record in 2007, completing 50 touchdown passes. In Sunday Night's game with the Houston Texan's, Peyton Manning reclaimed the record with 51 touchdown passes for the season.

WEATHER

Tuesday - Sunny. Highs in the upper 30's.
Tuesday night - Mostly clear. Lows around 20.
Wednesday - Sunny. Highs in the lower 40's.
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RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



Tuesday: Western Sizzlin will be open til 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve and will be closed on Christmas Day. Have a Merry Christmas! **1804 Decatur Pike 745-2626**



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Who's New In Pink & Blue?

Kallie Allissa Miller was born December 10th at Starr Regional Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds and 13 ounces and was 19¼ inches long. Her parents are Cecelia and Bobby Miller of Madisonville.

Carson David Gifford was born December 14th at Starr Regional Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds and 15 ounces and was 21 inches long. His parents are Chelsey and Caleb Gifford of Tellico Plains.

Madilynn Claire Witt was born December 15th at Starr Regional Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds and one ounce and was 20½ inches long. Her parents are Nikki Bibee and Joshua Witt of Madisonville.

Silas James Miller was born December 16th at Starr Regional Medical Center. He weighed 6 pounds and 6 ounces and was 18 inches long. His parents are LaTosha Green and Justin Miller of Englewood.

Daniel Edward Proctor was born December 16th at Starr Regional Medical Center. He weighed 11 pounds and 14 ounces and was 23½ inches long. His parents are Misti and Russell Proctor of Athens.

Monday's Market Report: Stocks ended higher, sending the three main indexes to new record highs. The Dow Jones Industrials closed up 73.47 at 16,294.61. The S&P 500 Index was up 9.67 at 1,827.99 and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 44.16 at 4,148.90.

Obituaries

Gary L. Mason, age 65, of the Mt. Harmony Community near Niota, died Sunday at his home after a battle with cancer. He and his wife, Janette, operated the Mason Family dairy farm. He was named the McMinn County Farmer of the Year in 1989. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. Mason had served on the McMinn County Commission since 1994. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Mt. Harmony Baptist Church in Niota. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Jeffery Lynn "Jeff" Miller, age 52, of Englewood died last Friday at his residence. He was a former employee of Green Hill Cemetery. He played the drums in the orchestra at Athens First Baptist Church. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Ronald Eugene "Ronnie" McDowell, age 30, of Calhoun died last Saturday at his home. Services were held Monday night. Ziegler Funeral Home was in charge.

Ruth Green Isbill, age 90, of Etowah died last Saturday at Life Care Center of Athens. She and her husband had raised beef and dairy cattle, owned a grocery business, a motel, and car lot. She also operated the Happy Daze day care center. Funeral services were held Monday at Bordwine Funeral Home.

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And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. **Luke 2:7**



And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. **Luke 2: 10 & 11**

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. **Luke 2: 13 & 14**

The Full Account of the Birth of Jesus can be found in Matthew 1 & 2 and Luke 2 in the Holy Bible

MERRY CHRISTMAS
from the Morning Fax Staff

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. **John 3:16**