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# MORNING FAX™

## Today's News...This Morning

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Athens, Tennessee

### Local and State News

#### ◆ THP SEEKS PUBLIC'S HELP IN FATALITY

The Tennessee Highway Patrol has released the identity and a photo of Brian William Taylor, 42, of Heath Springs, South Carolina, whose body was found early Christmas morning on I-40 in Roane County. On Dec. 25th at 2:29 a.m., THP dispatchers received a call that Taylor's body was found in the eastbound lanes at mile marker 364. Investigators believe that he either jumped or fell from a moving vehicle and his body was struck by at least one other vehicle. Foul play is also being considered by the THP Criminal Investigation Division. Taylor was wearing blue jeans, a blue and white checked flannel type shirt, and tan work boots. Citizens with any knowledge of Mr. Taylor are urged to contact the THP's Knoxville headquarters at 865-594-5800.



#### ◆ ATHENS GARBAGE SCHEDULE RELEASED

The residential garbage pick-ups in Athens this week will be on the regular schedule for Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday's route will be collected on Thursday. The Thursday and Friday routes will be collected on Friday.

### NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ A suicide bomber struck a busy railway station in southern Russia on Sunday, killing herself and at least 15 others and wounding scores more. Security experts are raising concerns that Russia may not be able to deal with terrorists as it prepares to host February's Olympics in Sochi.

◆ The nationwide manhunt for an accused cop killer ended in Arizona Saturday night. The FBI says the robbery suspect killed by Phoenix police during a bank robbery attempt there, is believed to be the same man who gunned down Officer Kevin "Gale" Stauffer, who was killed last Monday in Tupelo, Mississippi.

◆ U.S. Coast Guard officials say they are continuing a search for a passenger who went overboard on a Royal Caribbean cruise ship as it was bound for Puerto Rico. Passengers reported seeing the 26-year-old man go overboard and security cameras confirmed it.

◆ The A&E cable TV channel has done an "about face" and will allow Phil Robertson, the patriarch of the "Duck Dynasty" clan, to return to the show when they start taping new episodes in the spring. Meanwhile, several websites have popped-up promoting a "Chick-Phil-A Day" for fans of the show. Fans are asked to show support for Robertson by gathering at their nearest Chick-fil-A Restaurant on January 21st and wear camouflage clothing.

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### WEATHER

**Monday** - Mostly cloudy. 20% rain. Highs in the lower 40s.  
**Monday night** - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.  
**Tuesday** - Sunny. Highs in the mid 40s.  
See our Zoom Radar at:  
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### More Area & State News

~The Tennessee Highway Patrol will hold a "No Refusal" enforcement campaign during the New Year's Eve holiday period. It will begin at 6 p.m. this evening and continue until 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, January 1st. "No Refusal" allows law enforcement officials to obtain search warrants for blood samples in cases involving suspected impaired drivers. Nine people were killed in eight fatal crashes on Tennessee roadways during last year's 78-hour New Year's Eve holiday period.

~A program observing the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln 151 years ago, on Jan. 1st, 1863, will be hosted by St. Mark AME Zion Church on this Wednesday, January 1st at 11 a.m. The public is invited to attend. The church is located next to the Athens-McMinn YMCA and the Athens Municipal Building.

~A Memphis Police Officer has been charged with sexual exploitation of a minor after images of unknown adult men having sex with girls between the ages of 2 and 6 were found on his cell phone. Officer Matthew Ashmore, 26, was relieved of duty and booked into jail. He was released after posting a \$15,000 bond.

~Two suspected bank robbers are behind bars. Matthew White, 22, of Chattanooga, and Garrett Cameron, 34, of Spring City, were charged with robbing the FSG bank in Ooltewah and the First Bank of Tennessee in Rhea County.

### Obituaries

**Paul Edward Swafford**, age 79, of Etowah died last Wednesday at his residence. He was retired from General Motors after 27 years of service. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday at Serenity.

**Rev. Albert Otley Russell**, age 79, of Athens and formerly of Loudon, died last Thursday at Starr Regional Medical Center-Athens. He had pastored many Baptist churches in the area and was retired from Loudon Farmers Co-Op. Funeral services were held this past Saturday at Loudon Funeral Home.

**Mitchell Franklin Frazier**, age 49, of Englewood, died Friday at U.T. Medical Center. He was a bookkeeper for Dominos in Athens and was a substitute teacher in the McMinn County School System. A Memorial Service will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Clearwater Baptist Church with visitation from 2 to 4 p.m. at the church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

**Sandra Faye Lewis Pierce**, age 65, of the Hillview Community, died Sunday at Erlanger. Funeral arrangements TBA by Ziegler.

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