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# MORNING FAX™

## Today's News...This Morning

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Wednesday, January 29, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

### Local & State News

#### ◆ SNOWSTORM PARALYZES ATHENS AREA

A surprise snowstorm closed schools and brought traffic to a standstill in the Athens area on Tuesday. The snow started falling around 10 a.m. and quickly covered streets and highways with slippery snow. The temperatures were so cold that attempts to use salt to melt the snow and ice were not successful. All the schools in the area dismissed classes early. Athens Police Chief Chuck Ziegler and McMinn County Sheriff Joe Guy issued statements urging motorists not to travel if it was not an emergency. Despite those pleas, county and city officers spent the day investigating scores of traffic crashes. The Dennis Street bridge in Athens was closed after it became a solid sheet of ice, causing several accidents. The Athens Public Works Department was only able to complete about half of the residential garbage pickups on Tuesday. They request residents to leave their totes next to the road for later pickups.

**WEDNESDAY CLOSINGS:** All Non-emergency McMinn Government Offices, i.e. Courthouse, Health Dept., Annex, etc.

Athens City Schools and Kids Connection, McMinn County Schools, Etowah City, & Meigs County Schools  
 Fairview Christian Academy, Christ Legacy Academy  
 Tri-County Center opens at 9 a.m., with no van route  
 McMinn Senior Center closed and no home delivered meals  
 First Baptist Church of Athens Family Night Activities  
 First Baptist Church of Etowah's Wednesday night service  
 United Way Agency Workshop postponed until Feb. 5th at 9 a.m.



### NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Cities rolled out snow plows that hardly ever leave the garage, as a winter storm brought snow, ice and brutal cold to the Deep South. As many as 50 million people across the region could be affected. Shortly after snow began falling in Atlanta, traffic came to a halt. About 900 flights at the world's busiest airport nearby were canceled.

◆ Gov. Nathan Deal declared Georgia a disaster area after hundreds of wrecks around Atlanta stopped traffic. A woman delivered a baby on I-285 after she became stuck in traffic on the Interstate. Many cars ran out of gas in the gridlock.

◆ Mackenzie Wethington always wanted to skydive, so for her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday her father took her to skydive at Pegasus Air Sport in Oklahoma where 16-year-olds are allowed to skydive with parental consent. But her birthday celebration turned nearly fatal when her parachute failed to open and she spun 3,500 feet to the ground. She is now being treated in the intensive care unit at an Oklahoma City hospital, where officials say she is breathing on her own. Wethington suffered broken vertebrae, a shattered pelvis and internal bleeding.

#### WEDNESDAY CLOSINGS CONTINUED:

The Citizens National Bank branches and BB&T branches in McMinn and Monroe Counties will delay their opening until 10 a.m. The Bowater Credit Union will also open late at 10 a.m. Coordinated Charities will be closed. Additional Closings are on our website: <http://www.wynxi.net/cancellations&closings.htm>



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**WEATHER**  
**Wednesday** - Sunny. High-mid to upper 20's.  
**Wed. night** - Clear and very cold. Low-9 to 11.  
**Thursday** - Sunny and a little warmer. High-upper 30's to lower 40's.  
 See our Zoom Radar at: [www.wyxi.com](http://www.wyxi.com)

Wednesday-January 29, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

### Illegal Tire Dumping

McMinn County taxpayers are being forced to pay to clean up thousands of used tires that are being dumped illegally on side roads, farm land, and wooded areas across McMinn County. More than 500 tires were recovered this past Monday. Sheriff Joe Guy says less reputable tire dealers are dumping the tires, rather than pay the cost of disposing of them properly. The sheriff is asking the public for help in finding the people who are dumping the tires. He says if you see someone driving down a back country road with a truck filled with tires, report it to the Sheriff's Office.



### Who's New In Pink & Blue?

**Natalie Martin** was born Jan. 21st at Starr Regional. She weighed 8 pounds and 10 ounces and was 19½ inches long. Her parents are Brenda and William Martin of Athens.

**Kendryck Crisp** was born Jan. 24th at Starr Regional. He weighed 9 pounds and 7 ounces and was 21 inches long. His parents are Karey and Zachary Crisp of Athens.

### Obituaries

**Joyce D. Mack**, age 77, of Athens died Tuesday at Life Care Center of Athens. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

**Frieda Woods Parson Sisson**, age 76, of Athens, died last Sunday. Due to the weather, the funeral service has been delayed until 7 p.m. Wednesday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Smith.

**Willie Blackwell**, age 60, of Etowah died last Saturday. Due to the weather, funeral services will be changed to 7 p.m. Thursday at Serenity Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday.

**Charles Clay Monroe**, age 78, of Athens died Sunday at Starr Regional Medical Center-Athens. He was a veteran, serving in the U.S. Army. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at New Zion Cemetery. Laycock-Hobbs is in charge of arrangements.

**Barbara Juanita Sneed Dotson**, age 84, of Athens, and a resident of Cleveland for over 60 years, died at her home on Monday. Funeral services will be Thursday at 7 p.m. at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5-7 p.m. at Bordwine.

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### Today In History - January 29

**1843** - William McKinley, our 25th President, was born in Ohio.

**1861** - Kansas became the 34th state.

**1880** - Actor and entertainer W.C. Fields was born in Philadelphia. His real name was William Claude Dukenfield. He was noted for delivering one-liners with a rasping drawl, such as "Anyone who hates children and dogs can't be all bad." He died on Christmas Day, 1946, from alcoholism.

**1878** - Barney Oldfield, an automobile racer, was born in Ohio. In 1903, he became the first man to travel at the speed of a mile a minute. In 1910, he set a speed record of 131.7 miles per hour.

**1900** - The American League was organized, consisting of eight baseball teams--Buffalo, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Milwaukee & Minneapolis.

**1995** - The San Francisco 49ers became the first team to win five Super Bowl titles when they beat the San Diego Chargers 49-26 in Super Bowl XXIX.

### Snowy Scenes Seen in the Area



Bald River Falls Covered in Ice. Photo submitted by Jim Packett.



Almost 2 inches of snow fell on the "Wixie-Mobile"

