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## Today's News...This Morning

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**WEATHER FORECAST**  
Tuesday - Partly Cloudy.  
40% rain High 63.  
Tue Night - Partly cloudy.  
40% rain. Low 45.  
Wednesday - Partly  
cloudy. High 45.  
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Tuesday, January 3, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

### Local & State News

### National-World News

#### ◆ PEDESTRIAN KILLED ON GREEN STREET

A pedestrian was struck and killed on Green Street near Downtown Athens last Friday night. Police say Les Schnepf was crossing Green Street, a short distance from CVS, when he was sideswiped by a pickup truck. The impact knocked him to the pavement, causing severe head trauma. He was airlifted to UT Medical Center, where he died a few hours later. Schnepf was in his mid-50's. He was originally from Illinois, but had lived in Athens for several years.

#### ◆ FIRE DESTROYS "THE MEAT HOUSE"

The Meat House, a deer processing business located on County Road 364 near Niota, was destroyed by fire last Friday night. When firefighters arrived on the scene, they were met with a building fully involved in flames and several explosions from propane tanks in and around the business. The building and contents were a total loss. The Niota, Athens, and Englewood Rural Fire Departments responded. Niota Rural Fire Chief Lee Mason was in charge.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram with the Englewood Rural Fire Department)



◆ At least four people are dead in Amarillo, Texas after a home owner sprayed "Weevil-Cide," a pest control chemical that created lethal gas in a home. Another family member allegedly tried to wash it away with water, and it caused a chemical reaction that created phosphine gas, a toxic gas that can cause pulmonary edema and respiratory failure.

◆ Nineteen states raised the minimum wage Sunday that proposes to lift the income of millions of workers. The minimum wage was increased in Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, South Dakota, Vermont, and Washington beginning January 1st.

#### ◆ SUMNER OFFERED CITY MANAGER JOB

Barring any unforeseen developments, the new Athens City Manager will be Seth Sumner. The Athens City Council held a called meeting last Friday and unanimously agreed to offer the position to Sumner. The Council will negotiate a contract with him starting this week. He could start work in February or March. Sumner grew up in Riceville and attended Cleveland State Community College. He is currently the assistant city manager for Savannah, Tennessee.

**BACK TO SCHOOL: Classes resume in the McMinn County and Etowah City schools this Wednesday, January 4th. Athens City Schools and Meigs County Schools return to class on Thursday, January 5th.**

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## Obituaries

- **Kenneth James "Little Joe" Burton, III**, age 24, of Athens died last Friday at Erlanger. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home; visitation 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Mary Naomi Duckett Walker**, age 70, of Athens, died Dec. 29th at NHC Healthcare of Athens. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Ziegler Funeral Home; visitation noon to 1 p.m.
- **Carolyn Virginia Majestic Crawford**, age 73, of Athens, died last Friday at her home. She was an LPN for 54 years. In 1997, she and her husband, Dan, started *In His Name Services* which provided medical equipment at no charge for those who were without insurance or unable to afford the equipment. The family will hold a memorial service at a later date. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.
- **Ivins A. Martin**, age 93, of Englewood, died at Etowah Healthcare Center. He served 28 years with the Englewood Police Department. Several of those years he was Chief of Police. Funeral services were held Sunday night at Bordwine Funeral Home.
- **Melinda Pritchett**, age 67, of Athens, died last Saturday at Tennova Healthcare in Cleveland. She worked at Bowater Paper Company. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home; visitation noon to 2 p.m.
- **Ivan Snyder**, age 69, of Etowah, died Sunday at his residence. He was a veteran of the Vietnam war serving in the U.S. Army. He retired from CSX Railroad with 32 years of service. Funeral services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Serenity Funeral Home; visitation 5 to 8 p.m., Wednesday.

## More Obituaries

- **Ernie Simpson**, age 72, of Etowah, died December 27th. He served in the Army during the Vietnam War and retired from Arrow Lock as a tool and die maker. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at M.D. Dotson & Sons; visitation noon to 1 p.m.
- **Barbara Jean Howard**, age 65, of Decatur, died Saturday at Erlanger. She worked at Shaw Industries for 34 years. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Bowers Funeral Home; visitation 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Bowers.
- **Adrienne Marks Hicks Mazeika**, age 83, of Athens (and formerly of New Jersey), died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center. She served as a psychiatric technician for a hospital in New Jersey. There will be no formal visitation or service. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- **Carolyn Joy Glasco Gossett**, age 73, of Athens, died Monday at Life Care Center of Athens. She was retired from Plastic Industries. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at McMinn Memory Gardens; visitation 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home.
- **Robert "Bob" Lewis Miller**, age 74, of Athens, died December 22nd after an extended illness. A graveside memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 3 at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

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Jennifer Hardison sent us this montage of birds she photographed as a New Year's greeting card to each of you.



Happy 2017!!!