

Earthquakes Shake Area

The talk of the town on Wednesday was the earthquake that shook most folks out of bed at 4:15 a.m. A quake measuring 4.4 was centered between Decatur and Ten Mile. It was followed by a 3.3 quake about 12 minutes later. At least four other smaller quakes measuring between 1.7 and 2.1 were also recorded in the

same general area later Wednesday morning. There were no injuries and only minor damage. TVA says inspectors checked the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant but there was no damage. The plant is built to withstand a 5.8 magnitude earthquake. The largest quake to be recorded in Southeast Tennes-



see was 4.7 in 1973. Yesterday's 4.4 quake was felt from Nashville to Atlanta to Ashville, North Carolina, and points in between. The photo above shows a ceramic chicken that was shattered when the earthquake knocked it out of a cabinet at the Nelson Cope home near the McMinn-Meigs County line.

National & World News

◆ U.K. Prime Minister Theresa May survived a crucial noconfidence vote Wednesday evening when her fellow conservative members of Parliament voted in favor of her leadership by a margin of 200-117, with a majority of 83.

◆ Secretary of State Mike Pompeo cast doubt once again on the reported CIA assessment that Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman was involved in the brutal murder of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi. Pompeo said the U.S. was still "developing" a "set of facts" and media reports about the assessment were "inaccurate."

• COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library will have the Adult Mystery Book Club this Saturday at 11 a.m.

✓ The next Christmas Parade in the area will be the Ten Mile parade this Saturday at 6 p.m. Lineup will take place at Uncle Gus' Bar-B-Que and will end at Ten Mile School with homemade soup and chili being served.





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Athens, Tennessee

OBITUARIES

• William Lee Taylor, age 68, of Athens, died Tuesday at his home. He was retired from the U.S. Navy. A memorial service will be held at the Athens VFW Post at a later date. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

TODAY IN HISTORY - DECEMBER 13th

1577 - Sir Francis Drake sailed from England to begin his voyage around the world.

1835 - Preacher Phillips Brooks was born on this date. He wrote the Christmas carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

1887 - Sergeant Alvin York was born in Pall Mall, Tennessee. During World War One, he led an attack on a German machinegun nest and almost singlehandedly killed 25 of the enemy and captured 132 prisoners and 35 machineguns. He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

1918 - President Woodrow Wilson arrived in France to attend the post-World War I peace conference at Versailles, becoming the first chief executive to visit Europe while in office.

1941 - Singer John Davidson was born.

2001 - The Pentagon released a captured videotape of Osama bin Laden in which the al-Qaida leader said the deaths and destruction achieved by the Sept. 11 attacks exceeded his "most optimistic" expectations.



Learning Basketball Skills

The Athens Fundamental Basketball League Skills Night was held at Westside Elementary School this past Monday night. The photo below from Greg Moses with the Athens Parks Department shows Stan Harrison as he worked with kindergarten through 8thgrade players during Skills Night. The Skills Nights are held each Monday and focus on the basics of the game. The league will continue its season with games this Saturday and then will resume play in January following the Christmas holiday break.







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