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**WEATHER FORECAST**  
**Wednesday** - 70% rain. High 51.  
**Wednesday night** - 90% rain. Low 46.  
**Thursday** - 30% rain. High 51.  
**Thursday night** - 60% rain. Low 43.  
**Friday** - 80% rain. High 56.  
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Wednesday, January 2, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

## Local & Area News

## National & World News

### ◆ UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES IN THE AREA

Unemployment in November was down in all 95 counties in Tennessee. Here in the Athens area, the jobless rate in McMinn County was 3.9% in November, down from 4.2% in October. Meigs County's unemployment rate in November was 4.2%, down from 4.6% in October. Monroe County posted a 3.5% unemployment rate in November. That was down from 3.8% in October. Polk County's jobless rate in November was 3.8%, down from 4.2% in October. Bradley County recorded an unemployment rate in November of 3.4%, down from 3.7% in October.

### ◆ NEW LAWS IN EFFECT IN TENNESSEE

With the beginning of a new year, over 30 new laws take effect in Tennessee. One law prohibits state and local government entities and officials from adopting sanctuary policies. Another law requires the Tennessee Department of Health to create a way to report opioid abuse. Wine and beverage sales will now be allowed on Sunday in restaurants during certain hours. However, they will be prohibited on Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

**NO CALLS FOR RIDES:** McMinn County 911 dispatchers say not a single person took advantage of Sheriff Joe Guy's offer to provide a free ride home for party-goers who had too much to drink New Year's Eve. The only free rides were given to those who were arrested for Driving Under the Influence. Their free ride was to the McMinn County Jail.

◆ President Trump has invited congressional leaders to a briefing Wednesday on "border security" at the White House. This will be the first sit-down meeting between Trump and Democratic leaders Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer in 22 days.

◆ Seven-year-old Jazmine Barnes, was killed when an unknown suspect pulled up next to her mother's car on Sunday morning in Harris County Texas and began shooting. The mother was wounded during the incident. The suspect was described as a bearded white man, possibly in his 40s, wearing a red hoodie and driving a four-door, red or maroon pickup truck.

◆ North Korean Communist Dictator Kim Jong Un says he is ready to sit down again with President Donald Trump, but warned the United States against imposing more sanctions.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The City of Athens will host a retirement reception for Police Captain Rob Davis this Friday, January 4th, at 3:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building. The community is invited to join in honoring Captain Davis' 43 years of service.

✓ The guest on "Hope from the Well," the weekly radio program from Women at the Well this Thursday will be Van Sliger, pastor of God's Storehouse of Blessings. Hope from the Well is heard at 8:15 a.m. each Thursday on WYXI Radio FM 94.5 or AM 1390 and [ONLINE](#)

### RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



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### Today In History, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

**1788** - The state of Georgia ratified the Constitution; the fourth state to do so.

**1936** - Singer Roger Miller was born. His biggest hit record was "King of the Road."

**1959** - Moscow Radio announced that a Russian rocket had been launched to the moon. Luna One never actually landed on the moon. It ended its mission by going into orbit around the sun.

**1960** - Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

**1968** - Dr. Christian Barnard performed his second successful heart transplant.

**1974** - President Richard Nixon signed a bill requiring states to lower highway speed limits to 55-miles an hour or lose federal highway funds.



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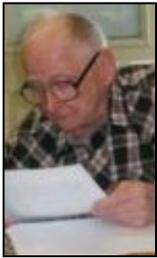


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## Obituaries

- ♦ **Herbert Kurz**, age 98, of Athens, died last Saturday at a hospital in Nashville. He was a B-24 bomber pilot in the South Pacific during World War II. He was awarded two Purple Hearts. After the war, he became an engineer. He and his wife moved to Athens in 1964. Up until recently he lived alone and still drove his car. No announcement has been made concerning funeral arrangements.
- ♦ **Louis Rossman**, age 85, died December 27th. Arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home of Athens.
- ♦ **Barbara Eaton Duckett**, age 86, of Corryton (and a native of McMinn County), died last Thursday. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, January 3rd, at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m.
- ♦ **Carey Gordon Wilcox, Sr.**, age 78, of Kingston, died last Friday. He was a native and lifelong resident of McMinn County. He was a former photographer for the DPA and had pastored Idlewild Baptist Church. He served in the Air Force during the Vietnam Conflict. Graveside services were held this past Monday. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home was in charge.
- ♦ **Teresa Hammons**, age 53, of Benton, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Etowah. Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.



## More Obituaries

- ♦ **William Porter "Bill" Chestnutt**, age 80, of Athens, died Monday at his home after a lengthy battle with Parkinson's Disease. He served in the United States Army Security Agency from 1961 to 1964. He then returned to McMinn County to work for his father at Niota Textile Mills. He retired in 1995 after serving as President and CEO. He also served on the board of the Dycho Chemical Company from 1996 to 2018. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from noon to 1:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Richard Wayne Jenkins**, age 72, of the Rogers Creek Community near Athens, died Monday at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Don Wattenbarger**, age 77, of Sweetwater, died Sunday, December 30th. He was the father of Athens Area Chamber of Commerce chair Becky Wattenbarger and was a retired dairy farmer. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Biereley-Hale Funeral Home in Madisonville, with visitation at 5:00 p.m.

**MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** U.S. stocks were mostly higher on the final trading day of the year on signs of positive developments in trade negotiations between U.S. and China. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 265 points or 1.1% to 23,327. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 21 points or 0.8% to 2,506, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 51 points or 0.8% to 6,635.



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