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## Today's News...This Morning

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Thursday-October 10, 2013

Athens, Tennessee

### State & Local News

#### ◆ ALMOST TIME TO GET OUT THE RAKES!

The Athens Public Works Department announces that loose leaf collection will begin on Monday, November 4th. If you want to have your leaves picked up, you should rake them to within three to five feet of the edge of the road. In areas where there are sidewalks, leaves should be placed behind the sidewalk. Do not place any leaves in the road, in ditches, or on sidewalks. If your leaves have not all fallen by the time the crews come by, they will return in 6 to 8 weeks.

#### ◆ PUMPKINTOWN IS COMING SATURDAY!

The 10th annual Pumpkintown Festival in downtown Athens will take place this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. There will be entertainment throughout the day on three stages. Sheriff Joe Guy will lead a historical walking tour at 12 noon. There will be demonstrations of wood carving, basket weaving, chair caning, and Cherokee encampments. The Mr. and Mrs. Pumpkintown Pageant takes place from 9 to 11 a.m. The Living Heritage Museum will have an African American Quilt Show. The day begins with the Burkett Witt Habitat for Humanity Pancake Breakfast from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Madison Park Shopping Center.

### National & International News

◆ President Obama has invited all House Democrats to the White House in an effort to ramp up his outreach to Congress as the government shutdown drags on and with just a week left before a potentially catastrophic debt default. The President also plans to host similar events with House Republicans, Senate Democrats and Senate Republicans.

◆ A man armed with what federal marshals described as an assault-type rifle, fired up to two dozen rounds at the Wheeling, West Virginia federal courthouse on Wednesday. Police returned fire and killed him.

◆ Economist Janet Yellen has been nominated by President Obama to lead the Federal Reserve in a move expected to sustain outgoing chairman Ben Bernanke's focus on cutting American joblessness. Yellen is currently Bernanke's vice chair at the Fed.

◆ The Obama administration, scrambling to tamp down a controversy over suspended death benefits for the families of fallen troops, announced that a charity would pick up the costs of the payments during the government shutdown. The Fisher House Foundation will provide the families of the fallen with the death benefits, and the Pentagon will reimburse the foundation after the shutdown ends.

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### A Glimpse of History

Younger readers may have wondered how "Depot Hill" in Athens got its name. Well, that's because of the railroad depot that stood atop the hill for many decades. The depot was built in 1851 and stood there until around 1970 when it was torn down. Trains from both the L&N Railroad and Southern Railroad used the depot. Legend has it that singer Elvis Presley was on board a train that came through in the middle of the night. During the Civil War, Union forces controlled the railroad. They actually built a small fort where Hiwassee Builders Supply is currently located. From the fort, the Union soldiers could guard the railroad. The photo below was taken in 1910. (Photo and background information provided by Patsy Duckworth with the McMinn Historical Society)



### Obituaries

**Leona Marie Long**, age 92, of Calhoun died Wednesday at SkyRidge Medical Center. Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
**Steven Lynn Aldridge**, age 56, of Etowah died last Saturday at Woods Memorial Hospital. He was retired from Eddie Miller Construction Co., and was a veteran of the Air Force. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

**Johnny Dale Raper**, age 72, of Athens died Tuesday at UT Medical Center. He was a truck driver and contractor. A memorial service will be conducted at 12 noon Saturday at Zion Hill Baptist Church, with visitation at 11 a.m. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.

**Edgar Eugene Best**, age 80, of Madisonville died Tuesday at East Tennessee Health Care in Madisonville. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Eleazar Cemetery with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home.

**Kimberly Wynn Ratledge**, age 49, of Athens died on September 24th at her residence. The family will receive friends from 12 noon to 6 p.m. this Saturday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

**WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** U.S. stocks were mostly higher amid optimism that Janet Yellen, nominated today to succeed Ben Bernanke as Fed chairman, will not rush to withdraw stimulus. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 26.45 at 14,802.98. The S & P 500 Index was up 0.95 at 1,656.40, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 17.06 at 3,677.78.



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