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Friday, December 4, 2015



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Athens, Tennessee

### State and Local News

#### ◆ BORN AT THE DOLLAR GENERAL STORE!

A baby girl was born Tuesday night in Athens, but NOT at the hospital. Instead, Amelia Grossman was born at the Dollar General in the UGO Shopping Center. Susan Hayes says she noticed a woman standing on the sidewalk apparently in distress. The woman, Annalisa Grossman, told her she could feel her baby coming. Hayes got her inside the store, and employees handed her scissors, gloves, and other supplies she needed to deliver the baby. Within a matter of minutes, the baby was born. Amelia Grossman was three months early and weighed just 2 pounds and 14 ounces. Both mother and baby are doing fine. Susan Hayes has no medical training, and says she had only helped deliver kittens and puppies until Tuesday. She says she's glad to have been in the right place at the right time to help someone in distress.

#### ◆ CAR WRECK KNOCKS OUT POWER



A one car wreck Thursday shortly before noon knocked out power to the downtown Athens area, Tennessee Wesleyan College, and the North Athens area. Traffic lights in the downtown area were also out. The car hit one of AUB's three-phase power poles on East Madison Avenue across from the downtown parking lot. The photo to the left was taken by Stephen Pell.

### NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Authorities say they are still searching for a motive after a heavily-armed man and his wife opened fire at an office holiday party in San Bernardino, California, on Wednesday. Fourteen people were killed and 21 others were wounded in one of the deadliest mass shootings in U.S. history.

◆ State Representative John Holsclaw, a Republican from Elizabethton, plans to introduce legislation in the Tennessee Legislature to ban talking on a cellphone while driving, unless it is in hands-free mode.

#### ANOTHER VIEW OF THE WRECK

Randy Harrison sent us the photo below showing the power pole across the car on E. Madison Avenue. Police say the driver told them the steering wheel locked, making him unable to steer the car.



#### 11th Annual Community Christmas Concert

Thursday, Dec. 10th 7pm  
1st Baptist Church, Etowah  
Etowah Town Band  
1st Baptist of Athens Handbell Choir  
Instrumental Ensembles  
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#### WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

**Friday** - Sunny. Highs in the mid 50's.  
**Friday night** - Clear. Lows in the upper 20's to lower 30's.  
**Saturday** - Sunny. Highs in the upper 50's to lower 60's.  
**Sunday** - Sunny. Highs - mid 50's. Zoom Radar at: [www.wysi.com](http://www.wysi.com)

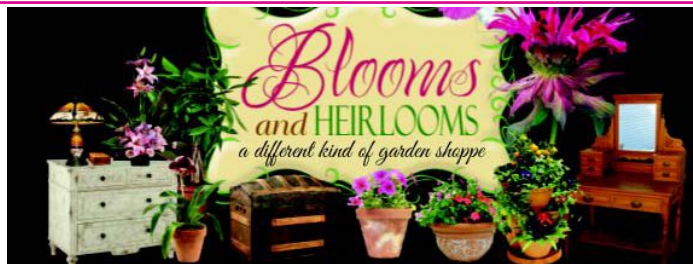


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Athens, Tennessee

## Church News and Events

- There will be a Stand Up prayer day this Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Union McMinn Baptist Church, off exit 56 near Niota.
- Athens First Baptist Church will have its annual Hanging of the Greens service this Sunday evening at 6 p.m.
- EmiSunshine will sing during the evening worship service at Buckner Memorial United Methodist Church on the campus of Hiwassee College in Madisonville at 7 p.m. Sunday.
- Fairview Baptist Church presents "The Hope of Christmas" on Sunday, December 13th, at 6 p.m.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The McMinn Regional Humane Society is having a fundraiser this Saturday, December 5th from 9-12. Bring your pet and have a holiday photo made for only \$15. There will be light refreshments and the event is hosted by Athens Small Animal Hospital.
- ✓ The Englewood Christmas Parade will be tonight at 6:30 p.m.
- ✓ The McMinn County Veterans Service Office will have a Christmas Open House tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. You are invited to come meet the new director, Susan Peglow, and her assistant, Jacqueline Glassford. The office is located in the McMinn County Courthouse Annex.
- ✓ Today is the final day to sign up for Friendly Fellow Club food boxes. Sign ups will be in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Social Security numbers and identification are required.

## Obituaries

- **Don C. Smith**, age 74, of Ooltewah, (and a native of Athens) died Monday at Erlanger. He was a long-time high school coach and educator, coaching at Brainerd and Red Bank High Schools and retiring from Soddy-Daisy Middle School. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Lane Funeral Home Ashland Terrace.
- **James Dudley Edgemon**, age 80, of Ooltewah (and formerly of Ten Mile) died Wednesday. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bowers Funeral Home with visitation from noon to 2 p.m.
- **Charles Henry Engle, Jr.**, age 78, of Athens, died Wednesday at U.T. Medical Center. He was retired from the National Forest Service. A Memorial Service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Mars Hill Presbyterian Church with visitation following in the church fellowship hall. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

◆ Congressman Jimmy Duncan blasted the U.T.K. Office of Diversity and Inclusion yesterday on the Fox News Channel for issuing rules on holiday parties. The office said "ensure your holiday party is not a Christmas party in disguise" and "not play games with religious and cultural themes, such as "Secret Santa". Meanwhile, State Senator Mike Bell, Senate Government Operations Committee Chairman, and Senate Education Committee Chairman Senator Dolores Gresham have called for the resignation of University of Tennessee at Knoxville Chancellor Jimmy Cheek.

◆ Etowah held its Christmas parade last night and Chamber Director Durant Tullock said the winning floats were: 1st Place, Life Care of Athens; 2nd Place, Etowah Cub Scouts; 3rd Place, McMinn Central Interact.

## Holiday Happenings in Etowah

**DECEMBER 3rd-5th**

Christmas Open House, Participating Etowah Merchants – Downtown Etowah

**DECEMBER 5th**

Brunch with Santa, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm – Starr Mountain Bistro  
See our Facebook page for updates or call 781.7092 for information (Tickets \$10 adult, \$8 children)

Central HS Interact Club, Wrapping Presents, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm – Depot (Graball Room)  
Bring your Christmas packages and they'll wrap them for you (FREE or DONATIONS)

Christmas Bazar & Soup Supper, 4:00 to 8:00 pm – First Christian Church (Ohio Ave)

Kids Holiday Movie Party featuring The Polar Express, 1:00 to 4:00 pm – Gem Theater  
Fun, crafts, snacks, movie and hot chocolate, \$10 at the door, call 423.263.7608 for info

**DECEMBER 10th**

Community Christmas Concert at First Baptist Church  
 @ 7:00 pm Featuring Etowah Town Band, FBC Athens  
 Handbell Choir, Instrumental Ensembles  
 (FREE)

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