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Friday, December 18, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

## State & Local News

### ◆ ATHENS SHOOTING IS NOW A HOMICIDE

The shooting at an apartment house on Forrest Avenue in Athens last Sunday night has now become a murder case. One of the victims, 51-year-old Keith Harris Tyler, died Wednesday evening after being on life support for several days at UT Medical Center. Tyler was shot in the head by two males who came into the apartment and started shooting. A woman in the apartment was shot in the hand. At this point, Police Chief Chuck Ziegler says no arrests have been made. He says detectives are still interviewing people and following leads on the two suspects.

### ◆ AUB RATES TO HOLD STEADY IN JANUARY

As the calendar turns to the New Year and winter takes hold in the Tennessee Valley, AUB says there is good news concerning your electricity bills. AUB spokesman Wayne Scarbrough says local electric power rates will remain essentially flat into January, and will actually drop by about one-half of one percent from December. He says the rates will be exactly what they were in January of 2015. Scarbrough also says AUB's natural gas prices have fallen to about the same rates they were in 1997.

### ◆ ATHENS FEDERAL ACQUIRES 4 NEW BRANCHES

The holding company for Athens Federal Community Bank, Athens Bancshares Corporation, has announced that it is acquiring four branches of FSG BANK. Those four branches are located in Athens, Sweetwater, Madisonville, and Lenoir City. FSG BANK is a division of Atlantic Capital Bank, N.A.

## NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ Defense Secretary Ash Carter admits he used his personal e-mail account to conduct some of his government correspondence during his first months on the job earlier this year. He concedes it was a mistake.

◆ Disney World in Orlando is increasing security for the holidays. The park will add metal detectors, deploy more security guards and trained dogs, and is banning toy guns.

◆ Authorities in India are investigating the death of a technician who was sucked into an aircraft engine at an airport in Mumbai. The passenger plane was being moved from a gate at the time.

◆ Wall Street ended three days of gains on Thursday. The Dow Jones dropped 253 points, and the Nasdaq fell nearly 69 points and the S&P 500 lost 31 points. Oil prices slid under 35 dollars a barrel.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Speak Up Club will be accepting gift cards of any type and any amount to be given to the homeless in our community for Christmas. You can drop the gift cards off on Saturday at the Speak Up building located on Washington Avenue next door to the former Riddle and Wallace drug store from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monetary donations toward gift cards will also be accepted.

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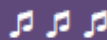
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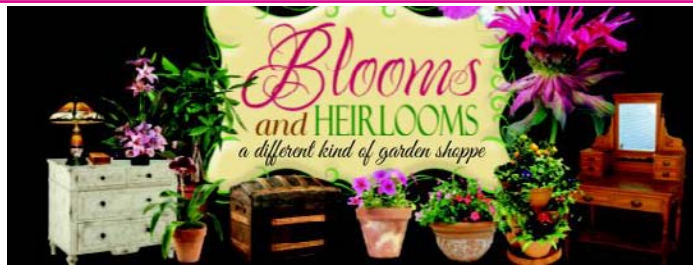
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## Church News & Events

- St. Paul's Episcopal Church is presenting *A Festival of Lessons and Carols* and Eucharist Service Sunday, December 20th at 10:30 am. St. Paul's is located at 123 South Jackson Street.
- Tonight is Pajamas, Pancakes, and Polar Express Night at Athens Church of Christ, 1016 North Avenue (behind Taco Bell). Activities start at 6 p.m. with a free pancake breakfast and hot chocolate bar. Santa will drop by for free pictures, and the movie "Polar Express" will be shown. Children are invited to wear their favorite PJ's.
- Ascension Life Fellowship will present the *Christmas Story in a Song* this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. during the morning service. The program is the telling of the Christmas story featuring traditional Christmas music with a contemporary flair. The public is invited. Sounds of Summer organizer Tim Hughes will be featured on trumpet. Ascension Life is located at 935 Rocky Mount Road.
- The worship ministry of North Etowah Baptist Church presents "The Light Has Come: A Christmas Celebration" this Sunday at 6 p.m.
- St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Etowah will present a Christmas Eve Candlelight Festival of Lessons and Carols at 6 p.m. next Thursday, Dec. 24th. You are encouraged to bring a donation of non-perishable food items which will go to the local food bank.

## Obituaries

- **Keith Edwin Harris Tyler**, age 51, of Athens, died Wednesday at UT Medical Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home.
- **Dawn King**, age 55, of Englewood, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Etowah. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah, with visitation from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday.

**NOTE: The Tennessee Highway Patrol will be conducting seatbelt checkpoints in various locations in McMinn County today. The fine for a first-time violation is \$10. That fine will double beginning Jan. 1st.**

### SGT. JOHNSON NAMED OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Sgt. Paul Johnson of the McMinn County Sheriff's Office has been named the Officer of the Year in the Cumberland Region by the Governor's Highway Safety Board. The photo shows Chief Deputy Matt Blair on the left and Sgt. Johnson on the right.



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### Other Upcoming Events:

Dec. 29, 2015 @ 10:30am -EG Fisher Public Library presents "Meet Daniel Boone" by Shawn Lindsey

January, 9, 2016 @ 11am - The Museum presents: "Children's Storytime" by Harriet Blair and the McMinn County Education Foundation will share information about Dolly Parton & the Imagination Library.



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