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Today's News...This Morning

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WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday - Cloudy. 70% rain. High-low 70s.
Thursday night - Cloudy. 80% rain & t'storms. Low-low 60s.
Christmas Day - Cloudy. 70% rain & t'storms. High-low 70s.
Saturday - Partly sunny. 20% rain & t'storms. High-low 70s.
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Thursday, December 24, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ ETOWAH RESCUE SQUAD HAS BUSY 2015

The Etowah Rescue Squad and Rural Fire Department has responded to 268 calls this year with just a few days remaining in 2015. Most of the calls (115) were for medical assistance or to assist EMS crews. The squad responded to 29 motor vehicle accidents with injuries. There were also calls to 13 structure fires and to 13 brush or grass fires. The other calls involved traffic crashes without injuries, EMS calls, trash fires, woods fires, and gas leaks.

The Etowah Rescue Squad recently held its awards banquet. The Officer of the Year was Troy Harrison, shown below with Assistant Chief Kevin Elliott on the left and Chief Brandon Frost on the right.

(Photo by Jay Thomson)



NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ Storms and tornadoes hit the south Wednesday afternoon, leaving at least three dead, including a 7-year-old boy from Holly Springs, Mississippi. The National Weather Service confirmed tornadoes touched-down in Iowa, Mississippi and Tennessee.

◆ British officials are asking U.S. authorities to explain why a number of British Muslim passengers have been stopped from boarding flights to the United States. A prominent British Imam with a five year U.S. entry visa had it revoked, without explanation.

◆ BOXING DAY WILL BE SATURDAY

The City of Athens and Keep McMinn Beautiful will hold their annual Cardboard Boxing Day event at the Athens Recycle Center on Rocky Mount Road this Saturday, December 26th, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. You can bring those cardboard boxes that your Christmas gifts came in, wrapping paper, and old electronics to recycle. Keep McMinn Beautiful will have a membership drive and volunteers will be on hand to help anyone who needs assistance.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Etowah Arts Commission is currently featuring an exhibit titled "The Best of the Overhill Shutterbugs Photography Club" through Feb. 26 in the Nancy Cantrell Dender Gallery.

✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library will host a fun family-friendly movie on Monday, December 28th, at 1 p.m. Popcorn will be served. Call 263-9475 for details.

NOTE: The Morning Fax will not be published on Christmas Day. Merry Christmas. We'll see you on Monday.

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Gifts for Foster Children

Resolute Forest Products has partnered with the McMinn County Foster Care Association for many years to provide Christmas gifts for area foster children. This year, Resolute employees purchased gifts for 48 children. Pictured with some of the gifts are Foster Care Association representatives Rebecca Knox, Beverly True, and Peggy Carroll, along with Resolute Staff Assistant Beth Bush and Resolute retiree Ken Keaton. (Photo provided by Beth Bush)



Obituaries

• **Pauline "Polly" Keasler Pierce**, age 92, of the Short Creek Community near Athens, died Tuesday at Tennova Healthcare of Cleveland. She was a graduate of Etowah High School and worked as a secretary in several capacities, including working in Oak Ridge during the Manhattan Project during World War II. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Short Creek Baptist Church, with visitation from 1 to 3 p.m. at the church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

• **Donald Lowe**, 46, of Athens, died Wednesday at UT Medical Center. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Mars Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

• **Sharon Diane Bolyard Whitehead**, age 71, of Decatur, died on Monday. She was a machine operator for Decatur Plastics. No funeral services are being announced at this time. Bowers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

• **James David Richardson, Sr.**, age 95, of Athens, died Tuesday at NHC Healthcare of Athens. He was retired from Burlington Industries. During the depression, he was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy aboard LST boats that transported supplies to the American troops from Norfolk, Virginia. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs.

And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. **Luke 2:7**



And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. **Luke 2: 13 & 14**

The Full Account of the Birth of Jesus can be found in Matthew 1 & 2 and Luke 2 in the Holy Bible

MERRY CHRISTMAS
from the
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And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. **Luke 2: 10 & 11**

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16