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Monday, December 28, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

Local & Area News

◆ RAIN "DAMPENS" CHRISTMAS DAY

Severe storms and flooding over much of East Tennessee caused death and destruction during Christmas this year. TEMA reported that 6 people lost their lives in Tennessee during the unusual spring-like storms. Dakota E. Howard, age 22, died when he drove into a washed-out area of Highway 30 east of Dayton on Christmas Eve. A passenger, Dustin Smith, 22, survived the ordeal. TDOT has closed Highway 30 between Dayton and the Tennessee River and says it will take about two weeks to repair the damage. Morning Fax reader Mike Womack sent us this photo of the footbridge taken from the parking lot at St. Paul's church on South Jackson Street. (See more photos on the bottom of page 2)



NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS

- ◆ Chicago Police said an officer killed two people Saturday during a confrontation with a "combative subject", 55-year-old Bettie Jones, whom they admit they shot "accidentally" and "tragically." Quintonio LeGrier, the 19-year-old neighbor who prompted the initial call to police, was also killed.
- ◆ A brush fire in Ventura County, California, has burned roughly 1,200 acres and forced some mandatory evacuations. As many as 600 firefighters have been fighting the blaze by air and ground.
- ◆ A fire at a Houston mosque, resulting in "significant" damage, was declared an arson. The blaze erupted on Christmas Day around 2:45 p.m., according to the Houston Fire Department.
- ◆ Several structures were destroyed in Birmingham, Alabama after a tornado hit the Tuscaloosa/Jefferson County area on Christmas Day. Rescue workers rushed to free residents who were trapped in debris. No fatalities were reported.
- ◆ Thirty-six years after their capture, the Americans taken hostage in Tehran in 1979 are set to receive millions in compensation for their 444 days of captivity. Each of the 53 hostages and their estates are set to receive up to \$4.4 million, with spouses and children eligible for a \$600,000 payment.
- ◆ Last Friday marked the first time a full moon has occurred on Christmas since 1977. The next time a full moon will fall on Christmas day will be 2034.
- ◆ Bad weather in the Southeast and Midwest came at a bad time for Christmas. FedEx was forced to make thousands of deliveries on Christmas Day.

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WEATHER
Monday - 80% rain & t'storms. Breezy. High-low 70s.
Monday night - 90% rain & t'storms. Breezy Low-near 50.
Tuesday - Partly sunny. 20% rain chance. High-low 60s.
 More Weather & Zoom Radar at: www.wyxi.com

Monday, December 28, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

- **Bernice Craig Riley**, age 100, of Athens, died early Sunday morning at her home. She was a former school teacher with Athens City Schools for 25 years. A private graveside service will be held Monday in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.
- **Robbie Jean Ensminger**, age 80, of Athens, died Christmas Day at her residence. She was retired from Tennessee Wesleyan College spending 46 years as secretary to the college's presidents and director of the TWC Alumni Association. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Smith Funeral and Cremation Services of Athens with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Smith.
- **Daisy Hair Lemings**, age 97, of Etowah, died Wednesday, December 23rd. Funeral services were held Saturday at Bordwine Funeral Home. Interment was in the Greenhill Cemetery.
- **Paul Richard Clark**, age 76, of Athens, died Wednesday, December 23rd at Fort Sanders Medical Center. He was a retired carpenter from Bowater. A Celebration of Life service was held Sunday at Serenity Funeral Home. A graveside service will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Greenhill Cemetery.
- **Bernard A. Beck, Jr.**, age 77, of Athens, died Christmas Day at U.T. Medical Center. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and had been a police officer in Connecticut. He was president of Active Fire Sprinkler Company until retiring in 1998. No funeral service or visitation was held. Bordwine Funeral Home was in charge.
- **Letha Womac Scoggins**, age 87, of Athens, died Sunday at her home. Arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.

Obituaries-continued

- **Margaret Carmley Malone**, age 81, of Athens, died Saturday at NHC of Athens. She had been a cook at Ingleside School for 23 years. Funeral services will be Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Ziegler.
- **Jeffrey Scott Torbett**, age 55, of Charleston, died Wednesday, December 23rd. He was a Lab Tech at Lonza Group, formerly Arch Chemical. Funeral services will be Monday at 7 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Eugene Thomas (Gene) Thompson**, age 74, of Ten Mile, died Saturday at Starr Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

"TOUR DE LINKS" WINNERS

The Athens Parks Department's 2015 "Tour de Links" Adult Golf League was concluded recently. The tournament took place at Ridgewood Golf Course. Justin Coffman (left) and Jason Kittle (right) were the champions. They won with a score of 3 under par.

(Photo by Jamison Sliger)



Ian Cullen sent us the photo of Bald River Falls showing the effects of the recent heavy rain.



Englewood Community Christmas Dinner

Over 150 meals were served on Christmas Day in Englewood to people that were either shut-in or by themselves. The event was organized by Theresa Phillips. Lots of volunteers pitched-in to make it a huge success:



Patrick McManaman (Left) and Austin Linander helped with the serving.



Scott Duckworth and his wife Jean provided Musical Entertainment for the Englewood Community Christmas Dinner.

