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Today's News...This Morning

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Sunday, Dec. 18th at 4pm
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Thursday, December 15, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ WACKER ANNOUNCES BIG EXPANSION

The Wacker Chemie plant in Charleston is planning a major expansion that will bring new jobs to the area. Governor Bill Haslam and Wacker officials have announced that the German based company will build a new production plant at Charleston for its HDK brand of pyrogenic silica. Wacker will invest \$150 million in the new production facility and create 50 new jobs in Bradley County. Construction will begin in the second quarter of next year, with completion planned for the first half of 2019.

◆ AUTO THEFTS INCREASING IN ATHENS

The Athens Police Department is reporting a significant number of vehicle thefts in Athens. There have been four thefts so far this month, with three of those occurring in three consecutive days. All four vehicles had been left running while the driver was away from the vehicle. One was at a service station and the others were at residences. Police Chief Chuck Ziegler says auto thefts are crimes of opportunity created by people finding unlocked vehicles that are left running. He says 80% of all vehicles that are illegally entered are unlocked and are in driveways and garages in residential areas. He says you should ALWAYS lock your vehicle if you are not in it, regardless of where it is, and never leave your keys in the vehicle. He says NEVER leave valuables in your vehicle. If you must, you should always store them out of sight of anyone who may look into the vehicle. Chief Ziegler says auto theft is a crime that can be prevented by securing your vehicle.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ In what's believed to be the biggest theft of data from an email provider, Yahoo revealed Wednesday that hackers stole data from over one billion email accounts. The theft occurred in August of 2013. The data stolen is believed to include names, email addresses, phone numbers, and security information such as birthdays and other security questions and answers, as well as passwords.

◆ A 13-year-old boy in upstate New York who was building a snow fort died on Tuesday after being buried alive in snow. The boy ventured on Tuesday afternoon to an area in the town where snow is frequently dumped, and while playing there, he became trapped.

◆ An order to keep residents indoors was issued in Rutherford County, Tennessee on Wednesday after a commercial semi-truck carrying swimming pool cleaning supplies crashed into another truck releasing chlorine fumes from the pool chemicals.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Nominations are now being accepted by the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce for McMinn County's 2016 "Mother of the Year." Nomination forms and award guidelines may be obtained at the Chamber office at 13 North Jackson Street. The deadline for nominations is January 10th, 2017.

✓ Santa's Hiwassee Holiday Train will make its final run of the season this Saturday. The train trip includes Santa, storytelling, caroling, and refreshments. For tickets, call Becky at the L&N Depot at 263-7840.

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Orders accepted through Wednesday, December 21, 2016
 Picked up December 24th by 6 pm



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More Tornado Cleanup Volunteers

A group of students and faculty from the Tennessee College of Applied Technology in Athens volunteered at the Tornado Disaster Relief Center last Friday. They assisted with sorting donations and helping Coordinated Charities contact families affected by the tornado to make sure they were aware of the assistance available to them. Sharon Webb sent us this photo of the group..



Obituaries

• **Johnny Lee Frye**, age 60, of Athens, died December 7th at Erlanger. He served in the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division and later served on the Military Honor Guard at Arlington National Cemetery. He served with the Athens Police Department and the McMinn County Sheriff's Office, and with TVA as a security guard. He was most recently associated with Athens Products. Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. next Monday at Chattanooga National Cemetery. Companion Funeral Home of Cleveland is in charge of arrangements.

• **Betty Louise Benson**, age 81, of Decatur, died Tuesday at Parkwest Hospital. She retired from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga with 29 years of service. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from 1 to 3 p.m.

Wednesday's Market Report: U.S. stocks declined after the Federal Reserve raised rates for the second time in a decade by a quarter point and signaled a faster pace of increases in 2017 as the Trump administration takes over with promises to boost growth through tax cuts, spending and deregulation. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 118.68 at 19,792.53. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 18.44 at 2,253.28, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 27.16 at 5,436.67. In commodity markets, the spot price of gold fell \$14.81 to \$1,143.65. The spot price of silver fell \$0.10 to \$16.82, and crude oil prices fell \$1.99 to \$50.99.



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