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Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ EARLY SNOW TURNS ATHENS WHITE

The forecast called for a chance of light snow in the Athens area last Friday, but by mid-day the snow was falling steadily. The McMinn County Schools sent students home at 1:30 p.m. A little over a half-inch of snow fell around the area, and the roads stayed clear except for some bridges. Heavier snow fell in Monroe and Polk Counties and in north Georgia. As a result of the snow, the ACT tests on Saturday at McMinn High and Central High were cancelled. A new date will be announced later. The photo shows a snowy scene near The Morning Fax offices.



National and World News

◆ About 4500 portable generators are being recalled due to a fire hazard. The recall involves Westinghouse IGen2500 and IPro2500 Portable Inverter Generators.

◆ The U.S. Treasury Department reportedly paid \$220,000 to settle a lawsuit brought by a former congressional staffer alleging sexual harassment by Rep. Alcee Hastings, a Florida Democrat.

◆ Eye doctors in New York say Nia Payne's vision was permanently damaged when she borrowed a pair of eclipse glasses to look at the solar eclipse this past August. The sun's rays damaged her retina, causing a crescent-shaped blind spot in the center of her left eye. Doctors say the blind spot matched the shape of the partial eclipse she was looking at.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Southeast Tennessee Human Resources Agency will be distributing commodities to eligible McMinn County residents on Wednesday, December 13th, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at the National Guard Amory on Highway 30 between Athens and Etowah. You must have a card in order to receive commodities.

✓ The McMinn County Board of Education holds its monthly meeting this Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce weekly radio show, "Chamber Chat," will be heard Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, AM-1390, FM-94.5 and [ONLINE](#). The guest will be Charlene Clossen, owner of Renewed Health and Heart.

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Obituaries

- ♦ **Johnny Cline**, age 79, of Athens, died Saturday at his home. He was a retired electrician. Funeral services will be at 12 noon Tuesday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation starting at 10 a.m.
- ♦ **Maudie Crabtree Ratledge**, age 87, of the Piney Grove community near Athens, died Saturday at the home of her daughter. She was retired from Walmart after 26 years of service as associate manager. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **William Richard Landreth**, age 57, of Athens, died Nov. 30th at Starr Regional Health & Rehabilitation. A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Miracle Deliverance Tabernacle in Riceville. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.
- ♦ **J. Odean Webb**, age 78, of the Mt. Harmony Community near Niota, died Saturday at his residence. He retired after 34 years as a maintenance technician at Athens Products. He was also a well-known auto mechanic. Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday at Mt. Harmony Cemetery. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Ethel Viola Dennis**, age 94, of Decatur, died Friday at Select Specialty Hospital in Powell. Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m.

Etowah Parade Scenes

The Etowah Christmas Parade was held last Thursday night. The winners of the float contest were Triumphant Baptist Church in 1st place, Wilson Presbyterian Church in 2nd place, and the McMinn Humane Society in 3rd place. The winner of the commercial division was M&M Mars.



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