



Today's News...This Morning

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Thursday-November 18, 2010

LOCAL & AREA NEWS

♦ McMINN SOLDIER DIES IN AFGHANISTAN

An Army soldier from McMinn County has died while fighting in Afghanistan. The Defense Department says Army Specialist Nathan E. Lillard, 26, died while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. The casket carrying his remains arrived at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware on Tuesday.



♦ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Chamber of Commerce continues the call for Eagle Scouts. Anyone who earned the rank of Eagle in McMinn County is invited to participate in the Jimmy Liner Memorial Christmas Parade in downtown Athens on Dec. 6. The Eagle Scouts will serve as the Grand Marshals for the parade. Please call the Chamber of Commerce at 745-0334 to let them know you will take part.

 \checkmark This month's "Business After Hours" networking event will be held this evening, Nov. 18, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at The Daily Post-Athenian, 320 S. Jackson Street.

 \checkmark The Athens Elks Lodge reminds Athens and McMinn County schools that the last day for entries in the Elks Drug Awareness Essay Contest is Wednesday, Dec. 15. Call Wayne Ingram, 333-9869.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

• Congressman John Duncan, Jr., of Tennessee has blasted the Transportation Security Administration for intrusive "pat-downs" of U.S. citizens at airports. He also criticized the role lucrative government contracts played in the use of body scanning machines at airport checkpoints. Duncan, the former chairman of the House Aviation Subcommittee, points out that former Secretary of Homeland Security, Michael Chertoff, represents the company which is selling the scanners to his former department.

• House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has been elected by House Democrats to serve as the House Minority Leader.

• Consumer prices rose moderately in October but there was little sign of inflation as the cost of autos, clothing and hotels fell. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 11,007.88; down 15.62 points.

◆ A New Jersey pastor is telling his married church leaders to delete Facebook or resign. The Rev. Cedric Miller says much of his recent marital counseling has included infidelity stemming from the social-network website.

• It will be a lot less enjoyable to spend time in jail in Rutherford County, Tennessee. The sheriff says they are dropping coffee, creamer, sugar, Kool-Aid, jelly, mustard, mayonaise, salt and other condiments from the inmates' meals. It will save \$111,000 per year.

Cedar Springs UMC Fall Bazaar Saturday, Nov. 20th 7am to 12pm Breakfast-Baked Goods, Yard Sale Items

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OPENHOUSE Merri's Home Collection #2

Main St., Downtown Englewood Holiday items at terrific prices, Collectibles, Home Decor, Jewelry, Flowers Nov. 19th & 20th 9am-5pm 10% off during Open House Drawing for Christmas tree 887-5880

Athens, Tennessee

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Athens City Council Tid-bits

At the Athens City Council meeting this past Tuesday night, the council:

1. Presented its monthly VIVID (Very Important Volunteer Individual) Award to David Brown and his wife, Jan Burlson, for using their talents in art and photography to enhance the city's culture.

2. Heard Police Chief Chuck Ziegler report that 41 percent of all arrests in Athens in October involved drugs or alcohol.

3. Heard Fire Chief Jim Dyer report that firefighters reponded to four residential fires and one industrial fire last month. The total loss was \$27,500.

4. Heard a report from City Manager Mitch Moore that crossing gates will be installed at the railroad crossing on Frye Street at Cook Drive.

5. Approved the purchase of eight "ruggedized" laptop computers for the Athens Police Department at a cost of \$2,475.97 per machine.

6. Heard City Manager Moore report that sales tax collections are up slightly.

Minor Quake Hits near Niota

The National Earthquake Center recorded a minor earthquake about halfway between Niota and Sweetwater Tuesday night. The quake measured 2.0 on the Richter Scale and took place around 10:20 p.m. There were no reports of damage. Small earthquakes are common in Southeast Tennessee due to a fault-line that runs through the area. Several tremors are recorded each year.

Community News You Can Use

✓ The Arts Center in Athens will be a hub of activity during the Old Fashioned Downtown Christmas this Saturday. There will be a Holiday Trunk Show from noon to 8 p.m. in the Sue E. Trotter Theater. Pictures can be taken with Santa in Knight Park from 4 to 8 p.m. for a \$5 charge. And there will be children's art activities at The Arts Center from 5 to 8 p.m. for a cost of \$3.

 $\sqrt{}$ Ralph Buckner Funeral Home of Etowah will host a "Cruise-In" sponsored by Starr Mountain Street Rods at the funeral home this Friday at 5 p.m. Admission is free.

✓ Applications for a Friendly Fellow Club food box will be taken in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (Dec. 1, 2 and 3) from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Social Security numbers and identification will be required. A household member must be present to sign up. The food boxes will be distributed on December 21.

