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Wednesday-December 22, 2010

Athens, Tennessee

STATE AND LOCAL NEWS

◆ AMAZON.COM DEAL IS FINALIZED

It's official. Amazon.com will build new distribution centers in Bradley and Hamilton counties. Governor Bredesen says the deal with Amazon has been finalized. Amazon.com plans to invest up to \$139 million to construct the new facilities, to be known as "fulfillment" centers, with up to 1,400 fulltime jobs expected to be created in the next three years. One of the centers will be located along State Route 308 near Charleston in northern Bradley County.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Municipal Building and the Public Works Department will be closed this Friday, Dec. 24, and Monday, Dec. 27, for Christmas. The Recycle Center and Animal Shelter will be closed Friday, Saturday, and Monday. The Friday residential garbage route will be picked up on Thursday this week and the route for Monday, Dec. 27, will be picked up on Tuesday.

✓ The McMinn County Register of Deeds office will be closed this Thursday, Friday, and Monday. The McMinn County Clerk's Office, including the Drivers' License Office, will be closed this Friday, Saturday, and Monday.

✓ The Tennessee Highway Patrol will conduct driver license roadside safety checkpoints this week in McMinn County.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ Republican-leaning states will gain more than a half dozen House seats as a result of the 2010 census, which found the greatest population growth in the past decade was in the South and West. The nation's population as of April 1st was 308,745,538. Texas will gain four new House seats, Florida will gain two, and Georgia will gain one. Tennessee will continue to have nine House seats.

◆ A device containing a small quantity of explosive powder was found in a subway train in Rome Tuesday. However, police say it could not have exploded because it did not have a detonator.

◆ Stocks rose on Tuesday with solid earnings reports and a new flurry of merger action. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed up 55.03 points; at 11,533.16.

◆ The U.S. teen birth rate hit an all-time low in 2009, dropping to 39 births per 1,000 girls. Experts say the decline is due in part to the recent recession.

◆ The New York Supreme Court has ruled against a golfer who was hit in the head while looking for his ball on a fairway, blinding him in one eye. The court said slices, hooks, and other errant shots are a common hazard on the links and a golfer cannot expect to get a warning shout of "Fore!" every time a ball comes his way.

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Athens, Tennessee

Who's New In Pink & Blue?

Brayden Wesley Flynn was born December 18th at Athens Regional Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds and 10 ounces and was 21½ inches long. His parents are Christin and Joseph Wesley Flynn of Athens.

Laylianna Rain Stewart was born December 16th at Athens Regional Medical Center. She weighed 8 pounds and was 19 inches long. Her parents are Heaven and Jonah Stewart of Athens.

NOTE: Cristin Flynn and Jonah Stewart are brother and sister!

Obituaries

Marilynn Dianne Culbertson, age 59, of Calhoun died this past Sunday at Athens Regional Medical Center. She was an accountant at Bowater for 25 years. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church in Etowah. Ralph Bucker Funeral Home of Cleveland is in charge of arrangements.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

Mars Hill Presbyterian Church, 205 North Jackson St., Athens, will have a special Service of Caring tonight at 6 p.m. It's a time to focus on caring for each other. The community is invited.

This Day In History-Dec. 22

1696 - James Oglethorpe was born in London. He founded the colony of Georgia. On his second journey to Georgia in 1735, he brought with him the Wesley brothers, John and Charles.

1785 - The American Continental Navy Fleet was organized. It consisted of two frigates, two brigs, and three schooners. The sailors were paid \$8 per month.

1937 - The Lincoln Tunnel linking midtown Manhattan with New Jersey opened to traffic on this date. The tunnel goes beneath the Hudson River.

1941 - British Prime Minister Winston Churchill arrived in Washington, D.C., for a wartime conference with FDR.

1944 - General Anthony McAuliffe, Commander of the U.S. 101st Airborne Division, found himself surrounded by Nazi troops on this date, during the Battle of the Bulge. When the Germans ordered him to surrender, General McAuliffe replied with one word: "Nuts!" The 101st was able to hold off the Germans until General George S. Patton's 4th Armored Division arrived on December 26 to provide reinforcement.

1961 - Specialist Fourth Class Tom Davis of Livingston, Tennessee, was killed by the Viet Cong. He was the first American serviceman to die in the Vietnam War.

1972 - A massive earthquake struck Managua, Nicaragua, in Central America. The quake killed 10,000 people.

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