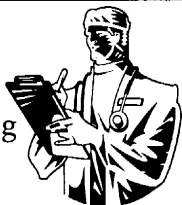


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Wednesday-December 7, 2011

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Parks and Recreation Department announces that the park restrooms at Knox Park, Heritage Park, Cook Park, the Ingleside Recreation Complex, and the Regional Park Lake Pavilion have been closed for the winter. The trail head restroom, the playground restroom, and the concession stand restrooms at Regional Park will remain open throughout the winter. A portable restroom will be available at Ingleside, Heritage, and Cook Parks.

✓ The winners of the Athens Christmas Parade float judging:

Business/Industrial: 1st Place-Life Care of Athens; 2nd Place-McKinney Excavating

Civic/Organizations: 1st Place-McMinn Career Technical Center; 2nd Place-TWWB (a group of families that built a float)

Churches: Englewood Church of God

✓ The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a meeting this Thursday, Dec. 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Magnuson Hotel in Sweetwater to receive public comment on environmental issues concerning the Unit 2 reactor at Watts Bar.

✓ The McMinn County School Board holds its monthly meeting Thursday night, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. at McMinn Central High School.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ The top U.S. aviation safety official, Randy Babbitt, has resigned after being arrested on a drunk driving charge in Fairfax, Virginia. Babbitt is in the middle of a five-year term as Federal Aviation Administration chief, and is responsible for the nation's air traffic system and regulations governing aircraft and crew safety.

◆ The West Virginia coal mine explosion in April 2010 that killed 29 men has resulted in a \$210 million settlement proposal to compensate the victims' families, pay fines, and improve underground safety.

◆ Stock prices see-sawed on Tuesday as investors remained cautiously optimistic that a lasting solution to the European debt crisis may be near. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 52.30 at 12,150.13.

◆ A new Danish study says women of childbearing age can reduce their risk of heart problems sharply by regularly eating fish rich in omega 3 fatty acids.

◆ Here's a scene out of "Dumb & Dumber." Two burglars in Texas were arrested after they pawned several electronics items stolen from a home, including a digital camera that contains photos the men took of themselves. Police said they forgot to erase the memory.

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Athens, Tennessee

Tales of Christmases Past

Two of the region's very best story tellers, Sheriff Joe Guy and Prof Powers, will team up to share "Tales of Christmases Past" at a special Christmas Holiday Brunch this Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Physicians Dining Room at Athens Regional Medical Center. The event is free, but registration is required. Call 744-3269.



Joe Guy/Prof Powers

More Community News

- ✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce is collecting items needed for Christmas by Grace and Mercy Ministries, which ministers to homeless people in the area. Suggested items are gloves, socks, hats, toboggans, scarves, small toys, stuffed animals, books, games, coloring books, crayons, and perfume and cologne. You can drop them off at the Chamber office, 13 N. Jackson Street, Athens. It would be great if you go ahead and wrap the items, but be sure to indicate what it is and whether it is for a male or female.
- ✓ The Coats for Kids distribution will take place this Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Magnolia Cleaners on S. White Street in Athens. They have more than 1,000 coats for adults and kids. They are free, first-come, first-served.

OBITUARIES: **Kenneth Snider**, age 81, of Athens died Tuesday at Woods Hospital. He was retired from Mayfield after 39 years as an Ice Cream and Milk Supervisor. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Friday at Bordwine Funeral Home; visitation 5 to 8 p.m. **Burkett R. Tallent**, age 92, of Delano died Monday at his home. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.

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