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Monday-December 17, 2012

Athens, Tennessee

Local and State News

◆ TWO SHOOTERS REMAIN IN CUSTODY

The two suspects in the drive-by shooting that took place last Tuesday night on Ingleside Avenue are still behind bars. Jordan Jackson (on the right) and Cornelius 'Cody' Ferguson are accused of firing 3 to 4 rounds into a house at 1701 Ingleside Avenue, Athens. The bullets came through the window into the living room where two adults and two small children were sitting. They were not injured. Jackson



had been making threats to "shoot up the house" because a resident of the house had turned him in for stabbing him in the arm back in October. APD spotted Jackson's car on King Street and arrested him and Ferguson on multiple charges, including attempted first degree murder. Jackson and Ferguson are being held at the McMinn County Jail under \$255,000 and \$245,000 bonds respectively.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Connecticut State Police say they have mined a "treasure trove" of evidence in the case of the 20-year-old man that killed 20 children and 6 adults last Friday at the Sandy Hook Elementary School. He apparently shot his mother four times in the head and killed her, before driving to the school and committing the mass carnage. Police say that a whole bedroom full of computers that belonged to the killer may help them establish a motive for the horrific event.

◆ Worshippers hurriedly left a Sandy Hook, Conn. church yesterday when someone phoned in a threat as parishioners remembered the 20 children and six adults who were massacred at an elementary school, but police later said nothing dangerous was found.

◆ New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg criticized President Obama for "not sending a bill to Congress to fix this (gun) problem – and take immediate executive action." Bloomberg is the co-chair of a nationwide organization called "Mayors Against Illegal Guns."

◆ A firearms training institute based in Nevada has offered to provide free defensive firearms training for the top safety officer and up to two other staff members of any school, college, or university.

◆ A northern Indiana man who threatened to "kill as many people as he could" at an elementary school was arrested. Police found 47 guns and ammunition hidden throughout his home.

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Monday, December 17, 2012

Athens, Tennessee

Major Damage at Englewood Fire

A house fire around 2 a.m. Saturday at the intersection of Kale Avenue and 2nd Street in Englewood, caused major damage at a residence. The house had just been purchased by Sherman and Kimberly Freeman. No one was at home at the time of the fire as Ms. Freeman had just gone to her mother's home. A wood stove is being blamed for the fire and there were no smoke detectors in the house. Damage was estimated at \$75,000. Photo by Jay Thomson.



Obituaries

Franklin Lewis Wood, age 70, of Niota, died Friday in Franklin, NC. He was retired from Johnson Controls. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at Ziegler.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Athens Fire Department has received almost a hundred smoke detectors from the State Fire Marshall to be installed inside the City of Athens. The detectors come with a ten-year battery that doesn't have to be changed. If you want one, contact Chief Jim Dyer at 744-2760 or Fire Station #1 at 744-2762. If you live outside the city, contact your local rural fire department. Some of them may have smoke detectors available too.
- ✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications for McMinn County's "2012 Mother of the Year". Nomination forms and award guidelines are available at the Chamber office at 13 North Jackson Street in Athens, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or by calling 745-0334. The deadline for nominations is Monday, January 14, 2013.
- ✓ The MEDIC Bloodmobile will be at Woods Hospital this Thursday, December 20th from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Donors must be at least 17 and weigh at least 110 pounds and must have positive identification. Donors will automatically be entered to win a gift card and a two night stay in Gatlingburg or Pigeon Forge.

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Tuesday - Mostly sunny. High in the upper 50's.
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