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Monday-December 23, 2013

Athens, Tennessee

Local and State News

◆ FARMER & PUBLIC SERVANT PASSES AWAY

Gary L. Mason, 65, of the Mt. Harmony Community near Niota died Sunday morning at his home after a battle with cancer. He and his wife operated the Mason Dairy Farm, where they also joined with Mayfield Dairy to operate a corn maze from 1999-2007. Mason was named McMinn County Farmer of the Year in 1989. He had served as a McMinn County Commissioner from the 2nd District since 1994, and was chairman of the Agriculture Committee. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.



◆ ATHENS POLICE & FIRE REPORT

Athens Police Chief Chuck Ziegler reported to the City Council that there were 52 thefts in Athens in November, 14 burglaries, 12 assaults, four motor vehicle thefts, and three robberies. Police officers issued citations for 441 moving violations. There were 59 vehicle accidents in Athens in November, with eight injuries.

Fire Chief Jim Dyer reported that firefighters responded to 25 calls in November. Seven were false alarms, four were vehicle accidents, one was a residential fire, & one was a vehicle fire.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ At least two people were killed when a storm system swept across the southern U.S. this past weekend, bringing tornadoes and high wind gusts. A man died when his mobile home overturned in northern Mississippi and a man was killed when his car hit a tree that had fallen across a road in southeastern Mississippi. Wind caused the roof of a fitness center in a strip mall to collapse in Senatobia, Mississippi, 40 miles south of Memphis. In Kentucky, three people were missing after their jeep was swept into a stream.

◆ In Colorado, the Arapahoe High School student who was shot in the head by a classmate has died. Claire Davis, 17, had been in critical condition after being shot at point-blank range at the school on December 13th.

◆ A new problem with a spacesuit is forcing NASA to delay until Christmas Eve the next space walk to repair a faulty pump on the outside of the International Space Station. The astronaut will use a spare spacesuit to finish the work.

◆ Authorities in Namibia say a Mozambican Airlines captain had a "clear intention" to crash an airplane that killed 33 on November 29th. Flight recorders showed the plane went down while the captain was manipulating the autopilot in a way that caused it to crash.

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WEATHER

Monday - 30% chance of showers early, then partly sunny, high of 48

Monday night - Partly cloudy, Low of 26

Tuesday - Mostly sunny, high of 36.

Christmas Day - Sunny, high 46

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"Shopping With A Cop"

McMinn County Sheriff Joe Guy says last Friday's "Shop With A Cop" event was a tremendous success. Two needy students from each of the county schools were picked up at their schools by an officer and driven to Walmart. The 24 students were then given \$100 gift cards which they could use to buy Christmas presents. The event was sponsored by Walmart, Dynasty Spas, Southland Finance, Mark Seaton, C&E Heating and Air, Bargain Barn, and private contributors. The photo shows an officer assisting a young lady in picking out a doll.



House Fire In Englewood

A house on Pine Street on the south side of Englewood was heavily damaged by a fire last Thursday evening. The home was owned by Jane Carol. The loss to the structure and contents was estimated at \$200,000. Units from the Englewood City and Etowah Rural Fire Departments responded. (Photo by Jay Thomson)



◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ Santa will be visiting the neighborhoods in and around Riceville starting at 5 p.m. today, courtesy of the Riceville Volunteer Fire Department. In Athens, the Athens Fire Department will escort Santa through the Ingleside Avenue and South Jackson St. areas from 5 to 8:30 p.m.
- ✓ In Athens, the Monday and Tuesday residential garbage will be picked up today. Wednesday's garbage will be picked up on Thursday. Thursday & Friday garbage will be picked up on Friday.
- ✓ The second round of residential leaf collections in Athens starts today.

THE REASON FOR THE SEASON - THE MANGER SCENE ON GREEN STREET NEAR VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

