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Friday, December 12, 2014


Athens, Tennessee

LOCAL & AREA NEWS

- ◆ **COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE**
- ✓ The Ten Mile Christmas Parade is at 6 tonight. The Niota Christmas Parade will be tomorrow beginning at 11 a.m.
- ✓ The Gem Players invite you to join them for a "Merry Tuba Christmas" Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Gem Theater in Etowah. Admission is free. The concert will feature local musicians playing tubas, euphoniums, baritones, and sousaphones.
- ✓ The Etowah Arts Commission is hosting a "Meet the Artist Reception" at the Nancy Cantrell Dender Gallery tomorrow from 5 to 7 p.m. The public is invited to meet Max Ortiz and see his paintings which are currently on exhibit at the gallery.
- ✓ The Athens-McMinn Family YMCA will sponsor the Reindeer Romp 5k race and one-mile fun run tomorrow at 9 a.m. at the Athens Regional Park. Registration is \$25 per person. For more information, call the "Y" at 745-4904.
- ✓ Tuesday, December 23rd, is the deadline for purchasing a commemorative brick for Veterans Park as a Christmas present. Bricks are \$50 each. For more information, call the Athens Parks Department at 744-2704.
- ✓ The McMinn County Commission holds its monthly meeting next Monday, Dec. 15th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse.
- ✓ The UT Extension Office in McMinn County will offer Tai Chi for Arthritis in January at the Etowah Community Center and the McMinn Co. Senior Center. Call 745-2852 for information.

NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS

- ◆ A new poll by Fox News shows a record 58% of Americans would repeal ObamaCare if they could. In addition, over half of those surveyed say if comments by one of the health care law's authors about lying to "stupid" Americans are true, President Obama or other administration officials are responsible for that deception.
- ◆ The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has voted 10-8 to authorize President Obama's war against ISIS. It was the first vote in Congress to explicitly authorize the war against the Islamic State. The resolution would limit operations to three years and allow ground forces only in certain circumstances.
- ◆ A new report by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau says nearly 20% of U.S. consumers have unpaid medical debts.
- ◆ **POSSIBLE TUNNEL FOR OCOEE GORGE**
 The Tennessee Department of Transportation will consider a new tunnel option as part of the current studies of improvements to U.S. Highway 64 in Polk County from west of the Ocoee River to State Route 68 near Ducktown. The project is known as Corridor K and is currently in the environmental study phase. TDOT has determined that a new tunnel option is worthy of consideration as a design possibility. The tunnel option would be approximately six miles in length and extend between Highway 30 (Greasy Creek Road) and Ocoee Powerhouse No. 3 as a single tunnel or a series of shorter tunnels. TDOT says it wants to determine whether the tunnel option would result in significantly less impact to the environmentally sensitive area.



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Church News and Events

- Athens Lutheran Church at 710 Forrest Avenue will have a new Basic Sewing Class tomorrow from 1 to 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome to bring their sewing machine and supplies. All supplies will be furnished for those who don't have their own. Child care will be provided.
- The choir and orchestra at Athens First Baptist Church will present a Christmas musical, "A Light Still Shines," this Sunday at 10:45 a.m.
- The Senior Adult Choir at Athens First Baptist Church will present a Christmas Musical titled "Were You There On That Christmas Night?" this Sunday at 5 p.m.
- The choir and cast of Fairview Baptist Church of Athens will present the Christmas Musical "Amazing Grace" this Sunday at 6 p.m. A nursery will be provided.
- St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Etowah invites you to their annual Christmas cantata this Sunday at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served afterward. The church is located at 425 8th Street in Etowah.
- The Sanctuary Choir of East Athens Baptist Church presents "Three Gifts" this Sunday at 7 p.m. On Sunday morning at 10:45, the Young Musicians choir will sing.
- Zion Hill Baptist Church at 269 County Road 516, Englewood, presents a Christmas play at 6 p.m. this Sunday.
- Cedar Springs United Methodist Church will hold a Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 9 p.m. on Dec. 24.

Obituaries

- **Jacqueline (Jackie) Elizabeth Donahue Morrow**, age 55, of Athens died Wednesday at her home. She was a native of Philadelphia, PA, and a former resident of New Jersey before moving to McMinn County in 1989. Private services will be held at a later date. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- **Merrill Lejune (Bud) Smith**, age 93, of Athens died December 4th at Etowah Health Care Center. He was a well known piano and organ technician in the Athens area. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II in the Pacific Theater in Australia. A graveside memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

TODAY IN HISTORY-December 12

- 1899** - The golfing tee was patented. Before the tee was invented, golfers would balance their ball on a little mound of sand.
- 1901** - A radio message was transmitted across the Atlantic Ocean for the first time. It consisted of the letter "S" in Morse Code, and traveled from England to Newfoundland.
- 1938** - Singer Connie Francis was born. Her big Christmas hit was "Baby's First Christmas."
- 1985** - A chartered DC-8 jet crashed in Newfoundland, killing all 250 U.S. troops on their way home for Christmas after duty in the Middle East.

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