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Wednesday, November 25, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

Local & Area News

◆ HONORS FOR LARRY CANTRELL

McMinn County School Board member Larry Cantrell has been inducted into the Tennessee School Boards Association's Scholars Circle for 2015. Cantrell is one of three inductees. They were recognized for achieving 900 or more points in the TSBAS Boardmanship Award Program. Cantrell was also named to the TSBA District Board of Directors at the group's annual convention.



◆ HELP NEEDED FOR ENGLEWOOD CHRISTMAS

Again this year, a free Community Christmas Dinner will be offered in Englewood. Everyone is invited, but especially police, fire, emergency, and medical personnel who are having to work Christmas Day, the homeless, and anyone who might be facing the prospect of spending Christmas Day alone. Meals will also be delivered to shut-ins. The organizer, Theresa Phillips, needs volunteers who would be willing to cook a turkey at their home, help to serve, or deliver meals to shut-ins. Desserts are also needed. Singers, musicians, and story-tellers are needed as well. Theresa says 264 meals were served last year. If you would like to donate money for the dinner, an account called "Christmas Dinner" has been set up at Citizens National Bank. If you know someone who needs a meal delivered, or would like to volunteer, call Theresa at 506-9777.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ France and the United States have pledged to step up the fight against the Islamic State group, and are urging Russia to throw its weight behind global efforts to resolve the four-year old Syrian conflict.

◆ As Chicago officials release a video showing a white police officer shooting a black teenager 16 times, businesses in Chicago are advising tenants to be prepared for protests.

◆ The former chief financial officer of a California hospital and four other people have been charged in a series of health care kickback schemes that generated nearly \$600 million in fraudulent billings for spinal surgeries. All five defendants have agreed to cooperate in a federal investigation into the fraud, dubbed "Operation Spinal Cap."

◆ Turkey shot down a Russian warplane near the Syrian border on Tuesday, claiming the jet had violated its air space. In a letter to the U.N. Security Council, Turkey said it shot down the jet while in Turkish air space. Vladimir Putin said the plane had been attacked when it was 1 km (0.62 mile) inside Syria and warned of "serious consequences." Putin said, "We will never tolerate such crimes like the one committed today."

◆ According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, at least 19 people in seven states may have been infected by E. coli after eating rotisserie chicken salad sold at Costco Wholesale stores.

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Top Awards For AUB

The Tennessee Water and Wastewater Association has named Chad Wilson, chief operator of Athens Utilities Board's water treatment system, as the region's top plant operator for 2015. The Association also named AUB's Vernon S. Wade Water Filter Plant on old Niota Road as the state's top plant of the year. Wilson joined AUB's water operations in 2007 and was named chief operator in 2014. In a recent sanitary survey by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, AUB received a flawless score of 100 based on conditions and operational efficiencies and a sustained level of high quality water produced at the AUB water filter plant. (Photo by AUB)



Obituaries

• **Charles Douglas Ratledge**, age 64, of Knoxville, (and formerly of Athens) died on November 17th. He had been an architect and was an accomplished artist. He served in the Vietnam War. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Volume on the New York Stock Exchange was moderate, with 915.90 million shares traded. U.S. stocks finished slightly higher. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 19.51 at 17,812.19. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 2.55 at 2,089.14, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 0.33 at 5,102.81.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ Coach Donnie Tyndall is hosting a basketball clinic at TWC on December 5th. Tyndall is a former UT men's basketball coach. The basketball camp is for kids 3rd grade through high school. The cost is \$50 per player due at registration. Boys register at 8:15 a.m., with the boys camp from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Girls register at 12:15 p.m. with the girls camp from 1 to 4 p.m.
- ✓ The Hiwassee Chapter of the TN Society Sons of the American Revolution in Athens is holding a fundraising drive to purchase wreaths to honor the 49,000 American veterans buried in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. A donation of \$15 will purchase one wreath. For information, call Fred Underdown at 368-1745.

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