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Wednesday, December 14, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ SANTA PARADES INTO ATHENS

The annual Jimmy Liner Memorial Christmas Parade took place Monday night in Athens with good weather and a large crowd of spectators. In the float judging, M&M Mars won 1st place in the Business category and Fast Pace Urgent Care was 2nd. In the Civic/Clubs/School category, Champion Force Athletics of Athens was 1st and McMinn County Technical Center "Skills USA" was 2nd. In the Church category, Ascension Life Church won 1st place and New Zion Baptist Church was 2nd.



NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ East Aleppo has fallen and military activities there have stopped, and the Syrian government has re-established control according to Russia's United Nations ambassador.

◆ The captain of a doomed container ship declined to reverse course despite receiving three phone calls warning him the vessel was headed into the path of Hurricane Joaquin. The 790-foot El Faro sank in October 2015 off the eastern coast of the Bahamas.

◆ Five Marines aboard an MV-22 Osprey have been rescued after the tilt-rotor aircraft went down in waters off of Okinawa on Monday night. All of the Marines were rescued and transported to a medical facility for treatment of their injuries.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce announces December's "Business Before Hours" will be tomorrow, December 15th, from 8 to 9 a.m. at SouthEast Bank located at 1878 Congress Parkway South in Athens.

✓ You are invited to the annual Candle Light Christmas Service at 7 p.m. tomorrow, December 15th, at the historic Walnut Grove Methodist Episcopal Church South on the property of Erbin and Ruth Baumgardner, 276 County Road 67, Riceville. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight.

✓ The Athens Public Works Department reports it has removed 600 tons of tree debris from the recent tornado. That number will increase as more residents place brush from their property out for pickup.



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Helping to Feed the Hungry

The Etowah United Fund recently awarded a grant to the Helping Hands Food Ministry of Etowah located at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church. The photoshows Board members Thom Johnson and April Preston presenting the check to Wayne Hickman, pastor of Wesley Memorial, and Brenda Tullock, pantry affiliate. The Etowah United Fund is a local charity established over 50 years ago to assist organizations in improving the quality of life for the citizens of the community. (Photo by Durant Tullock)



Obituaries

- **Alma Jean Ostendorf**, age 84, of Athens, died last Friday at her home. She had lived in the Meigs and McMinn County area for the last 20 years after retiring from Holiday Inn. A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. at Serenity Funeral Home, with visitation from 2 to 3 p.m.
- **Riley Ross "Tim" Witt**, age 80, of Athens, died Tuesday at his home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 114.78 at 19,911.21. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 14.76 at 2,271.72, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 51.29 at 5,463.83.

◆ MORE ATHENS PARADE PHOTOS



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