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State & Local News

◆ PELLEY UPSET OVER COMMITTEE JOBS

City Councilman Dick Pelley is not happy over the committee appointments that were approved at Tuesday night's Council meeting. Pelley, who had been stripped of his committee posts in punitive action taken by the council earlier this year, was named to one committee--the Athens Parks Foundation. He was not appointed to committees that he had been removed from last April. Other council members serve on at least two committees. For the first time in a number of years, the council appointed non-council members to serve on committees that normally are appointments given to active council members. Pelley says Mayor Chuck Burriss indicated that he was burying the hatchet. Pelley was re-elected in November. He says his supporters are being denied his experience and training on those committees. Pelley says he wonders if that is burying the hatchet or "digging it in deeper?"

SAVE THE DATE: The 2019 annual dinner meeting of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce will be Thursday, January 31st from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The location will be announced later.

National & World News

◆ The U.K. government is placing the military on standby as it prepares for a "no-deal Brexit." The country has been trying to figure out how to manage leaving the European Union since citizens voted for it in 2016.

◆ Authorities in Florida are searching for clues to find the gunman who shot and killed 15-year-old Alejandro Vargas, a sophomore at Boone High School in Orlando, as he was walking to school on Monday morning.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Santa will be visiting Athens this coming Saturday and Sunday evenings. Santa will be driven around the city by the Athens Fire Department in a white pickup truck with red lights. Saturday, he will visit the Ingleside Ave., Highway 30, and Highway 11 areas. Sunday he will visit the North City and City Park neighborhoods. The hours are from 5 to 9 p.m.

✓ The Gem Players present A Merry TubaChristmas this Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Gem Theater in Etowah. Admission is free.

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Saturday - Partly cloudy. 10% rain. High 48.

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We at All Things Exterior would like to wish everyone a very MERRY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS! We hope as you gather with family and friends that you will take time to reflect on the true meaning of CHRISTMAS as we celebrate the birth of JESUS our Savior and Lord!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!



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OBITUARIES

♦ **William Clyde Lee, Jr.**, age 88, of Sweetwater, died December 5th at Sweetwater Nursing Center. He was retired from the U.S. Marines. A memorial service is planned for Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Athens chapel of Companion Funeral Home.

♦ **Patsy Jacks**, age 74, of Birchwood, died December 14th at her home. Arrangements will be announced by Bowers Funeral Home.

♦ **Tammy Rena Brown Norwood**, age 53, of Riceville, died Tuesday at Parkwest Medical Center. She had worked in the Calhoun Elementary School Cafeteria for over 18 years. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday in the chapel of Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

♦ **Ernest Stephen Ratledge**, age 69, of Cleveland, died Tuesday at Life Care Center of Cleveland. He had worked as a book-keeper/accountant for different local businesses. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

♦ **Charles Walter "Charlie" Hopkey**, age 80, of Tellico Plains, died Wednesday at his home. He was a veteran of the US Marine Corps. He worked for the Forestry Department and also at Short-bark before retiring to be a farmer. Memorial services will be announced later. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

Christmas Comes to Miracle Lake

The Etowah Friendly Garden Club served dinner and brought gifts to the students at the Miracle Lake Training Center recently. Club members cooked a full dinner, including several desserts, took the food to the Center, served the 22 students, and then sat down with them for the meal. In addition, Garden Club members brought Christmas stockings for each of the students and passed them out as an unexpected surprise. Miracle Lake is a residential Christian training center for men struggling with life-controlling addictions. (Photo by Roby Helm)



 
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