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Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ NEW DIRECTOR FOR TENN. OVERHILL

Tennessee Overhill Heritage Association has a new executive director. He is Scott Schroeder. He replaces former director Gerald Hodge. Schroeder has over 30 years of experience in various media outlets ranging from printing layout and design to radio broadcasting and video production. He has also been a reporter and has covered international events, space launches, and natural disasters. Scott received a B.A. Degree from the University of Alabama, and worked for several TV stations in Alabama and Florida. He says when the moving truck pulled away, a business owner in Etowah welcomed him to the area and bought his coffee. Scott says "Little things like that make such a difference in the community. Who wouldn't want to be part of that?"



(Photo by Nancy Dalton)

National & World News

◆ On day six of a partial government shutdown, negotiations among Democrats, Republicans and the White House are going nowhere. The Senate was expected to be in session Thursday to continue negotiations, but lawmakers didn't show up. The Senate was in session for a grand total of four minutes Thursday. Lawmakers aren't expected to be back in Washington until after the New Year next week.

◆ The number of law enforcement officers who died while in the line of duty went up in 2018 to 144 deaths. This is up from 129 deaths in 2017. The figures, released by the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial Fund, shows that the number of firearm deaths outpaced the number of traffic related deaths in 2018, with 52 officers dying because of gunshots and 50 dying as a result of a traffic incident.

◆ A storm system is moving into the Southeast with severe storms and snow to the north. The storm stretches from the Canadian border down to the Mexican border, with blizzard-like conditions from Kansas to Minnesota and strong storms with heavy rain from Texas to Illinois. Heavy rain and thunderstorms are also expected in the south from Alabama to the Carolinas. Flash flooding is possible in the region.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ E.G. Fisher Public Library will have a New Year's Eve Balloon Drop today (Friday) at 11 a.m. The program is suggested for ages 2 to 12. There will be stories about staying up for New Year's eve. Kids will make a New Year's craft. Then they will ring in the "Noon" Year with a balloon drop at 12 noon.

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Obituaries

♦ **Bill Dukes**, age 87. of Etowah, formerly of Flint, Michigan, died November 10th. He was a barber in Michigan for over 30 years. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 260 points or 1.1% to 23,139. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 21 points or 0.9% to 2,489, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 25 points or 0.4% to 6,579.

LANDING ZONE TRAINING

Members of the Englewood, Calhoun, Etowah, and Idlewild Rural Fire Departments recently attended a seminar on Landing Zones and operations of a medical helicopter. The instructor was Jeff Poulson of Lifeforce. (Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Fire Dept)



Church News & Events

- Journey Home invites you to the 3rd annual singing Saturday at 6 p.m. at Union McMinn Baptist Church. The singing features The Primitive Quartet. A love offering will be taken. The church is located at 314 County Road 316, west of I-75 at Exit 56.

- Pastors Alvin and Angela Arnwine and the congregation of Victory Church International invite you to a Miracles, Signs, and Wonders Service on New Year's Eve beginning at 10 p.m. The church is located at 2329 Clearwater Road in Athens. Everyone is invited to attend.

REALLY SHOWING THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Tyler Birmingham, administrator at National Health Care of Athens, has a unique wardrobe for every major holiday. In the photo, Tyler is wearing his "Christmas" suit. Tyler says it's a lot of fun to "dress-up" for every special occasion.

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