

Friday, December 6, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

Serving Dinner at Miracle Lake

The Etowah Friendly Garden Club served dinner to the students at the Miracle Lake Training Center this past Tuesday evening. Club members cooked a full dinner, including several desserts, took the items to the center, served the 22 students, and then sat down with them for the meal. In addition to the dinner, Etowah Friendly Garden Club members also brought Christmas stockings for each of the students. In the photo: (L to R) Clarice Coffman, Cindy Darnell, Roby Helm, Marcella Helm, Gary Graham, Deanna Peck, Alice Graham, and Club President Cecilia Shultz.

(Photo provided by Roby Helm)



Community News You Can Use

✓ The Meigs County Tigers meet Peabody in the Class 2A state championship football game Saturday in Cookeville. Kickoff is at 12 noon and the game can be heard live on WYXI, FM-94.5, AM -1390 and <u>ONLINE</u> starting at 11:30 a.m. The Tigers will travel by bus. The buses will leave Friday morning and go down to Meigs South Elementary, then up to Meigs Middle School, and finally past Meigs North Elementary as they head to Cookeville.

✓ A 2.5 magnitude earthquake was recorded just before 9:30 a.m. on Thursday in the area. The quake was centered 4.8 miles SE of Englewood.

✓ The City of Etowah will have a Christmas Celebration from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the L&N Depot. The free event includes a Christmas tree lighting, gift bags, crafts, hot chocolate, and a visit with Santa.

 \checkmark The Englewood Christmas Parade is 6:30 this evening. The Niota parade is at 2 p.m. Saturday. The Decatur Christmas Parade will be at 3 p.m. Sunday.

✓ Greeks Bearing Gifts will be having a United Way Day today from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Greeks will be donating 20% of their sales to United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties.

✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library announces that local artwork provided by Community Artist League Artist Sheila Sanford Holbo is now on display at the library. Her creations include original paintings, prints, and carvings.





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Obituaries

• Geneva Leona Goforth Sewell, age 86, of Athens, died Wednesday at her residence. She retired from Magic Chef in Cleveland after 18 years. Funeral services will be 7 p.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m.

• **Thomas Ray Reeves,** age 72, of Etowah, died Wednesday at his home. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. The family will have a memorial gathering on Friday (Dec. 6) from 4 to 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Athens. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

• Michael Ray Frye, age 54, of Athens, died last Saturday at his home. He was a truck driver for many years. A memorial service will be held Monday, Dec. 9th, at 6 p.m. in the Athens Chapel of Companion Funeral Home, with visitation from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

• Floyd T. Smith, age 92, of Englewood, died Wednesday. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a farmer. Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

• Amanda Kay Sheppard, age 40, of Athens, died Wednesday at her home. She previously worked at Cracker Barrel. The family will receive friends on Saturday, from 12:30 p.m. until 2 p.m. at the Chestua Baptist Church in Madisonville. A graveside service will follow in the church cemetery at 2 p.m. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

• Mary Futral, of Athens, died Thursday. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

Church News & Events

- Union McMinn Baptist Church at exit 56 in Niota is having a drive through Nativity from 6 to 8 p.m. on December 13th and 14th; the Redeemed performance will be on December 22 at 6:30 p.m. and their Christmas Eve program will be at 6:30 p.m. on December 24th.

- The Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church Children's Choir will present "It All Happened in the Country" at the historic Gen Theater this Sunday, December 6th, at 6 p.m. The Raper family will also be performing during the play. Admission is free.

- Lakeside Baptist Church at 2418 State Highway 304 in Ten Mile invites you to a Christmas concert, "How Great Our Joy," on Thursday, December 12th, at 6:30 p.m. The concert features the First Baptist Athens Senior Adult Choir.

- There will be a live Christmas Concert at Grace & Mercy Ministries, 714 Walter Street, Athens, on Saturday, December 14th, at 7 p.m.

- Danny and Patsy Carter will be singing at Pope Avenue Baptist Church in Athens on Sunday, Dec. 15th, at 10:30 a.m.

- The children's choirs at Athens First Baptist Church will lead in a service of worship celebrating Jesus' birth on Sunday, Dec. 8th, at 5 p.m. The elementary age group will present a musical drama called "Random Acts of Christmas." Hot chocolate fellowship will follow in the Atrium.

- On December 18th, Athens First Baptist Church will be caroling in the Athens community. Members will travel by bus to several assisted living and nursing homes.

- Boyd Memorial Church of God will present their annual Christmas Play on Saturday, December 21st at 6 p.m. The title of the Play is "Believe" and everyone is invited.

