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Today's News... This Morning

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UNION McMINN BAPTIST CHURCH

December 13 & 14
 Drive Through Nativity 6-8pm

December 22
 #Redeemed performance 6:30pm

December 24
 Christmas Eve Program 6:30pm

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Friday, December 13, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

Car Versus Deer

Around 9:30 Wednesday morning, the driver of this 2009 Chevy HHR said a deer crossed in front of him on County Road 560, causing him to hit a culvert and roll over before coming to a stop. AMR transported the driver to Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens, but he was flown to UT Hospital. The Englewood Rural Fire Department, AMR, and the McMinn County Sheriff's Department responded. THP Officer Eric Diaz investigated.



(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)

Former Detective Sentenced

A former McMinn County Sheriff's Detective will spend two years in prison after pleading guilty to an identity theft charge. Joshua Rhodes admitted to Federal Court Judge Curtis Collier that he used a credit card taken from a suspect to make nearly \$27,000 in purchases in 2016. Rhodes was fired from the sheriff's department later that year. Rhodes will be required to pay restitution. He reports to prison on February 24th.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The 15th Annual Etowah Community Christmas Concert will be presented next Tuesday, Dec. 17th, at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Etowah. The concert will feature the Etowah Town Band, Central Harmony Chorus, and Keyboards at Christmas. Admission is free. The concert is sponsored by the Thursday Music Study Club (even though it is on Tuesday this year) and the Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce.
- ✓ The public is invited to attend the 20th Annual Candle Light Christmas Service at the historic Walnut Grove Methodist Episcopal Church South located on the former Mouse Creek Nursery property at 276 County Road 67, Riceville, on Thursday, Dec. 19th, at 7 p.m. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight.
- ✓ A retirement reception for Brenda Baker with the McMinn County Finance Office will be held today from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Blue Room of the Courthouse. Brenda has been working for the citizens of McMinn County since 1986.

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Thelma L. Purviance**, a resident of NHC of Athens, died Wednesday. She was a long time resident of Springfield, TN, before moving to Athens 14 years ago. She was a doctor's assistant and a registered x-ray technician. There will be no formal visitation, but a graveside service will be held in Springfield, TN. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

♦ **James Cecil Watson**, age 85, of McMinn County, died Wednesday. He was a used car dealer in McMinn County for many years. A celebration of life service will be held on Friday, Dec. 13, at 11 a.m. in the Athens Chapel of Companion Funeral Home.

♦ **Imogene M. Howard Cox-Myers**, age 81, of Riceville, died Thursday at home. She had worked for Riceville Utility and Wade Products. A funeral service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Smith Funeral and Cremation Services with visitation at 5 p.m.

◆ BULLETS FOUND AT McMINN CENTRAL

A student at McMinn Central High School found two rounds of ammunition on the floor of a restroom Thursday morning. School officials and the School Resource Officer were notified. The school was placed on "soft lockdown," in which classes continued but no one was allowed to enter the building. Additional sheriff's deputies were also on site. Sheriff Joe Guy says the soft lockdown was lifted before lunch and classes continued throughout the day. No other items were found.

Church News & Events

- Union McMinn Baptist Church at exit 56 in Niota is having a drive through Nativity from 6 to 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday; 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 East Athens Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir presents "The Mercy Manger" this Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

- Keith Memorial United Methodist Church presents an Appalachian Christmas celebration this Sunday at 6 p.m. Rev. Charles Maynard will tell stories of Christmases past. There will also be apple cider, cookies, and traditional carols.

- Mars Hill Presbyterian Church invites you to their Christmas Cantata, "Noel Masterworks," this Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

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

- Jones Chapel UMC at 590 County Rd 778 presents the Christmas play, "Gulligan's Island Christmas," Dec. 22nd at 6 p.m.

- 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.

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