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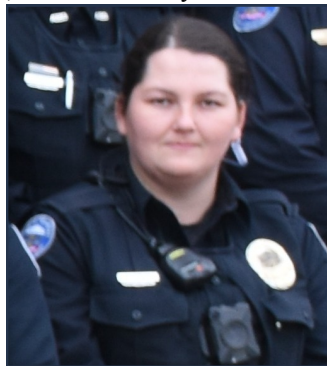
Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ For planning purposes, the Athens Public Works Department announces that Keith Lane will be closed from Crestway Drive to Powers Path from Monday, Dec. 27th, at 6:30 a.m. until Friday, December 31st, at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the closing is for construction work related to the new school construction project.
- ✓ If you plan to pay your property taxes before the end of the calendar year for income tax purposes, the Athens City Hall will be closed this Thursday and Friday and also on Friday, Dec. 31st.

The City of Athens Employee of the Year award goes to Athens Police Officer Megan Chandler. Interim Police Chief Freddy Schultz says anyone who has ever met Officer Chandler will agree it's well deserved.

(Athens Police Dept. Photo)



Changes in Covid Reporting

The TN Department of Health says in the year 2022, they will be changing the procedure for reporting COVID-19 cases. Instead of giving reports 5 days a week, the information will be reported on a weekly basis, consistent with other infectious diseases. The Department says 5,394,058 COVID tests were processed this year. The total number of cases reported was 762,964. The total number of vaccines administered this year was 8,280,246. The Department says death certificates listing COVID as an underlying cause of death from spring 2020 through Dec. 2021 totaled 20,644.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Wednesday 12-22

Tennessee: 1,360,958 cases, up 3,669. 18,214 deaths, up 69.

COUNTY	CASES	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	11,025 up 17	140 down 1	153 up 1
Meigs	2,318 up 6	44 up 3	34
Monroe	10,206 up 23	127 up 10	153 up 8
Polk	3,336 up 4	39	39 up 1
Bradley	23,253 up 35	334 up 4	255 up 3
Rhea	7312 up 3	70 down 4	107 up 2

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 DECEMBER 23RD AT 6:30PM**

Please make a donation to the United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties for your admission to the movie.
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Merry Christmas! & Happy New Year

We will be closed December 20 - January 2, 2022! REOPEN January 3 REGULAR HOURS. We hope you and your family have a Merry Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. The year 2021 has brought about chaos and challenging times for many of us. May we take time to reflect on Jesus the real reason for the season! He is our true help and comforter in times like these. Thank you to ALL of our customers for your business in 2021. It is greatly appreciated! We look forward to serving you in 2022! We are here to serve and help you in any way that we can with your home or business exterior needs. Our prayer for each person is that God blesses and prospers you greatly in 2022!

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Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8: 12



Merry Christmas

from the

Morning Fax Staff

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Obituaries

♦ **Bonnie White Fox**, age 48, of Decatur, died Tuesday at Park-west Medical Center. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Decatur Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:

Equities finished the day higher. Trading will likely be light on Thursday to cap off the holiday-shortened week. Oil hovered around \$72/barrel. Europe and Asia were also trading higher. U.S. Treasury yields ended at 1.46%. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 261.19 to 35,753.89. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 47.33 to 4,696.56, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 180.80 points to 15,521.89.

Church News and Events

- East Athens Baptist Church will hold its annual Christmas Eve service on Friday, December 24th at 5pm. The public is invited to attend. The church is located at 301 Central Avenue.
- Union Grove Baptist Church presents "Like a Thief in the Night" on Friday, Dec. 24th, at 7 p.m. The church is located at 11826 N. Nopone Valley Road in Decatur.
- Niota First Baptist Church will have a Christmas Candlelight Service with the Lord's Supper at 5 p.m. Christmas Eve. Everyone is welcome. The church is located at 6 Main Street, Downtown Niota.
- First Baptist Church of Athens will celebrate Christmas with carols and the Christmas story on Friday, Dec. 24th, at 5 p.m. You are invited to "come as you are."
- Athens Lutheran Church located at 10 Forrest Avenue will have a Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 7 p.m. and a Christmas morning service at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome.
- Lane's Chapel Church at 904 County Road 264, Niota, will have a Merry Christmas Drive-through on Friday, Dec. 24th, from 3 to 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to come by.
- If you or someone you know is battling addiction, struggling with anger, or other life issues, Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

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All Night Christmas Music

Merry Christmas

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The Museum will be closed
December 23 - 25 for Christmas Holiday
& December 31 - January 1 for New Year's Day
History for Lunch & Saturday programs will be returning in January.
Keep watching the Morning Fax, follow us on Facebook or visit our website for more information on upcoming events and programs.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

from Ann, Audie, Esther, Kim, Michael & Tom

Hours	
Tuesday - Friday:	10 AM - 5 PM
Saturday:	10 AM - 4 PM
Sunday - Monday:	Closed

Admission	
Adults:	\$5
Seniors (60+):	\$3
Students:	\$3

