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Athens, Tennessee

LOCAL & AREA NEWS

◆ ETOWAH CHOOSES NEW CITY MANAGER

The new city manager in Etowah will be an Etowah native, Mike Gravley. Gravley was among the four finalists for the job. He was chosen by the Etowah City Commission Monday night. The position includes an annual salary of \$61,800 and comes with a city car. He will begin work next Monday. Gravley will take over from interim City Manager John Solsbee. Gravley recently moved back to Etowah after working for humanitarian aid organizations for several years. One of his first jobs as city manager will be choosing a replacement for Police Chief Phil Robinette, who has resigned effective December 31st.

◆ ROBBERS STRIKE TWICE TUESDAY NIGHT

There were two robberies in the area Tuesday night. A white man with a heavy build entered the Marathon at Congress Parkway and Ingleside about 10 p.m. He told the clerk he had a gun and demanded money. The clerk gave him an undisclosed amount of cash from the register. He then ordered her to the floor and fled out the door. Just a few minutes later, a man robbed the Dollar General in Niota. Employees say the man did not show a weapon, but said he had one. He fled in a gold or tan car.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ The Senate has passed a sweeping tax package that would save millions of Americans thousands of dollars in higher taxes for the next two years. The package also extends jobless benefits for another year and reduces Social Security taxes. The vote was 81 to 19. The tax package now goes to the House.

◆ Stocks were down modestly on Wednesday after reports that industrial production rose in November and consumer prices ticked up. The DJIA closed at 11,457.47; down 19.07 points.

◆ The cost of electricity is going up again in the Tennessee Valley. TVA says its residential rates will be up 1% in January. It is the 9th increase since March. TVA says its customers will pay up to \$1.50 more per month to cover an increase in the utility's fuel costs.

◆ Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg has been named Time Magazine's "Person of the Year" for 2010. At 26, Zuckerberg is the youngest "Person of the Year" since the first one. Charles Lindbergh was 25 when he was named in 1927.

◆ Vikings fans are being asked to volunteer to help dig out the University of Minnesota campus stadium in time for Monday night's Vikings game with the Chicago Bears. Snow is piled up in five-foot drifts in some places. The school will provide the shovels.

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**Athens -McMinn Family YMCA
2010 Annual Meeting and
Volunteer Luncheon Thursday,
Jan. 20th at 12pm. Please
RSVP by January 13th.
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Athens, Tennessee

Ribbon Cut for Beauty Salon

The ribbon-cutting for a new business in Athens, C & B Beautiful Salon at 518-B, S. Congress Parkway, was held recently. In the photo, L-R: Athens Chamber diplomat Kristina Hiefnar; Chamber Board Member Becky Wattenbarger; McMinn County Mayor John Gentry; Brittany Webb, Co-owner; Carrie Webb, Co-owner; Jeanne Willis, Nail Tech; and Chamber Board Member Cheryl Bressler.



TWC Dedication in Knoxville

The Knoxville campus of Tennessee Wesleyan College recently celebrated its relocation with an Open House. The campus is located at 9845 Cogdill Road, just off Pellissippi Parkway at I-40. The Open House featured a ribbon cutting and dedications of the facilities. Pictured in the photo, L-R: Dr. Suzanne Hine, Vice President for Academics; Dr. Ruth Elliott, Associate Dean for Nursing; Ms. Nancy Brook, Director of the Knoxville Evening Program, and Larry Wallace, Senior Vice President for Administration.



OBITUARIES

Imogene Kyker, age 91, of Athens died Wednesday at NHC Health Care of Athens. She was retired from Van Raalte Hosiery Mill after 28 years. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 12noon to 1:30 p.m.

Nellie Leona Pickens Dennis, age 80, of Pittsburgh, PA (formerly of Athens) died Tuesday in a Pittsburgh hospital. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

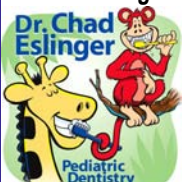


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THIS DAY IN HISTORY-December 16

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1773 - Some 50 American patriots dumped 342 chests of tea into the Boston Harbor in the so-called "Boston Tea Party." The patriots were protesting the British tax on tea.

1835 - One of history's worst fires swept through several city blocks in New York City, destroying 600 buildings.

1944 - Germany launched a major counter-offensive in World War Two that became known as "The Battle of the Bulge." It took place in France and got its name from the shape of the battleground. The Allies were taken by surprise, but eventually prevailed and repulsed the Nazi invasion.

1951 - The "Dagnet" TV show made its debut in a special preview on NBC. It starred Jack Webb.

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