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Tuesday - January 11, 2011

Athens, Tennessee

LOCAL - STATE NEWS

◆ SCHOOLS TO BE CLOSED AGAIN

As a result of the heavy snow that fell in Southeast Tennessee early Monday, schools in the area will be closed again Tuesday. That includes the Athens City Schools and Kids Connection, and the McMinn County Schools. Meigs County Schools will be closed both Tuesday and Wednesday. Fairview Christian Academy, Cleveland State-all campuses, & TWC will be closed Tuesday. With 7 to 11 inches of snow on the ground, travel on the roads remains hazardous.

◆ WEATHER KNOCKS OUT COMCAST

Comcast subscribers in McMinn County spent hours of frustration Monday when their cable service went out. Comcast phone and Internet customers also lost their service. It was off for about six hours before being restored around 3 p.m.

◆ OTHER CANCELLATIONS & POSTPONEMENTS:

The Athens City Council's Citizen Forum originally scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday has been postponed until 9 a.m. Saturday at the Athens Regional Park Conference Center. The McMinn County Grand Jury will not meet on Tuesday, the McMinn Courthouse, Annex, & Health Department are closed Tuesday. The Better Living Center will be closed Tuesday. More on "Closings" at: www.wxyi.com

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ Doctors say Arizona Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords' brain remains swollen, but the pressure is not increasing and that's a good sign for her recovery. Surgeons say they have seen many encouraging signs. On Monday, Giffords was able to respond to a verbal command by raising two fingers with her left hand. Of those injured in the deadly shooting Saturday in Tucson, eight are still hospitalized. Mrs. Giffords is in critical condition. Five are in serious condition. Two are in good condition. The shooting suspect, 22-year-old Jared Loughner, appeared at a federal court hearing on Monday with his head shaved. He's being held with no bail after being charged with trying to assassinate Rep. Giffords and with killing a federal judge. A military official says Loughner was rejected when he tried to join the Army in 2008 because he failed a drug test.

◆ The 2011 Chevrolet Volt, an electric car, was named the North American Car of the Year at the Detroit auto show on Monday. The Ford Explorer won the truck of the year. Volkswagen also unveiled the new mid-size sedan it will build in Chattanooga. It will have an old name, Passat.

◆ A village in Switzerland has found a drastic way to make dog owners pay their pet's annual tax: Pay the money or your dog will be killed.

<p>Primitive Fitness Sid Wright RKC Instructor Beginners Kettlebell Workshop Jan. 17, 19 & 21 6:30pm-7:15pm</p>	<p>RKC Kettlebell Instructors have undergone the world's most rigorous kettlebell instruction certification courses & are fully qualified to help you Meet & Surpass your Goals. Kettlebell books & DVD's can take you only so far. Experience the difference from an RKC Instructor.</p>	<p>Classes Held Every Mon., Wed., & Fri. 8:30am-9:15am; 6:30pm-7:15pm Call for more information 423-745-2999</p>
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Western Sizzlin Steak House-1804 Decatur Pike (745-2626)
 Tuesday, (11a-4p) 6 oz. Chicken Breast with Salad, Potato, Bakery, & Dessert Bars, \$6.99. Monday-Thursday (All Day) 10 oz. NEW YORK STRIP with Potato, Bakery, & Dessert Bars, \$9.99.

JIFFY ALL DELI LOCATIONS \$5.00 MEAL
7 til 11 Includes: 1 meat, 2 veg., roll, 12 oz. drink.
 Choices: Fish, BBQ Pork, 5/ Hot Wings, Gizzards, Cole Slaw, Mac & Cheese, Slaw, French fries, Cornbread Dressings, etc.
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Stonehaus Deli & Bakery, 601 Madison Ave. (745-9116)
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Athens-McMinn Family YMCA
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MORE STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ ETOWAH POLICE CHIEF SEARCH UPDATE

Etowah City Manager Matthew Gravley is accepting resumes this week and next to fill the post of Police Chief. Gravley says he hopes to have a new chief within 3 or 4 weeks. In the meantime, Gravley is serving as interim chief. He says police policy and procedure will be handled as before, within the chain of command and according to state code. Gravley says he is simply handling personnel and administrative matters that are in need of some attention. He says Etowah has a great group of officers and believes the city can have a "world class" police department.

◆ HUNTERS BAG 301 BLACK BEARS

The 2010 bear hunting season in Tennessee is over and hunters harvested 301 black bears. The county where the most bears were bagged is Monroe, with 51. Polk County followed with 49 bears.

◆ ANOTHER SMALL QUAKE HITS AREA

Small earthquakes are becoming commonplace in Southeast Tennessee. A tremor measuring 2.2 on the Richter Scale occurred around 6:28 a.m. Monday. It was centered halfway between Niota and Sweetwater. There were no reports of damage.

◆ NEW YEAR'S TRAFFIC FATALITIES DROP

The Tennessee Highway Patrol reports three people died in traffic crashes over the New Year's holiday weekend. That compares with 13 a year ago. Alcohol was not a factor in the 3 fatal crashes this year.

OBITUARIES

Ricky Franklin, age 49, of Athens died Monday at Athens Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

Agnes "Dean" Farner Woods, age 76, of Athens died Saturday at her home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

Ruby Blackwell Boyd, age 86, of Riceville died Saturday at her home. Services were held on Sunday. Ziegler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Nancy Rollins Ferguson, age 70, of Athens died last Friday. Due to the weather, funeral services have been postponed until 2 p.m. Wednesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Paul Jessie Looney, age 69, of Athens died last Thursday. Due to the weather, funeral services have been postponed until 2 p.m. Tuesday at Laycock-Hobbs.

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John Workman, CEO of Athens Regional Medical Center, sent us this photo of the hospital in the snow.



WHEN RADIO WAS

Old-Time Radio Shows
 6:05-7 pm Nightly
WYXI AM-1390

Tonight:

**A Date With Judy &
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WEATHER

Tuesday - Cloudy. 30%
 snow, sleet, freezing rain.
 High-34.

Tuesday night - Cloudy.
 Low-near 20.

Wednesday - Partly sunny.
 High-near 30.

More WX at: www.wyxi.com