



Today's News...This Morning

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State & Local News ♦ TOM HUGHES IS MAN OF THE YEAR

The Athens Man of the Year is Tom Hughes, president of Southeast

Bank and Trust. Hughes was honored last night at the Athens Chamber of Commerce's Annual Meeting and Community Awards Dinner.

The Mother of the Year Award went to Mintie Willson.

The Young Man of the Year honors went to Shane Jackson, a banker and member of the Athens City Council.

The Business Professional Woman of the Year is Diane Frank.

The Teacher of the Year is Sue Senn.

The Farmer of the Year is Johnny Brady.

Also at last night's Chamber meeting, the gavel was passed from outgoing chairman

David Rymer to the new chairperson, Patti Greek.



Tom Hughes

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

The Congressional Budget Office says Social Security's trust funds are getting worse and will run out of money in about 2037.

• The government-appointed panel investigating the cause of the financial crisis says the meltdown occurred because government officials and Wall Street executives ignored warning signs and failed to manage risks. The Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission says the Bush and Clinton administrations, the current and previous Federal Reserve chairmen, and Treasury Secretary Geithner all bear some responsibility for allowing the crisis to happen. The panel also criticized bankers who got rich by making trillions of dollars in risky investments.

• A car bomb ripped through a funeral tent in Baghdad on Thursday, killing at least 48 people and triggering skirmishes between Iraqi troops and demonstrators angry about security failures.

• The Northeast dug-out of another big winter storm on Thursday. In Central Park, 19 inches of snow fell. That makes January the snowiest month in New York in more than 85 years.

♦ Authorities say Mexican smugglers tried to use a huge "medievalstyle" catapult to hurl drugs north across the U.S. border.

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(Feel free to copy, post or otherwise distribute) (Phone:746-1390 Fax:744-1390 e-mail: wyxi@bellsouth.net) Leadership McMinn Alumni Seminar. Feb. 11th, 8 a.m. at McMinn Senior Citizens Ctr. Alumni \$10; Gen. Adm. \$15 Tickets at Athens Chamber of

Commerce. 423-745-0334

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SURVIVOR

Athens, Tennessee

Who's New In Pink & Blue?

Brealind Ra'lei was born January 25th at Athens Regional Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds and was 19 inches long. His mother is Elexus Benton of Athens.

Church News and Events

- Pope Avenue Baptist Church at 301 Pope Street in Athens will host the 5th Sunday Singing and covered dish dinner at 10:45 a.m. There will be special singing by the Evans Family.

- The Carters will sing at Calvary Baptist Church in Riceville this Sunday at 11 a.m.

- The 5th Sunday Celebration at Freedman Chapel of Athens this Sunday will feature "Youth Sunday/Family & Friends Day." The guest speaker will be TWC student Matthew Cox. Music will be by Generation of Praise, Freedman's Youth Choir. Freedman Chapel is located at 415 Cleveland Avenue in Athens.

- Women at the Well Ministries will be conducting the services at Cottonport Baptist Church on Cottonport Road, Decatur, this Sunday evening at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 423-745-0010.

Dance Tickets Going Fast

The Athens Parks Department reported Thursday afternoon that fewer than 80 tickets remain for the Saturday, Feb. 5th, Matinee Daddy-Daughter Dance. The Friday and Saturday night dances are sold out. Tickets are \$8 per person and are available at the Recreation Department office in the Athens Municipal Buildings.

Marvelene Fagg submitted this picture postcard-style photo of the Arnwine Farm in the Mars Hill community after the recent snow.



WEATHER

Friday - Partly sunny. Highupper 40's to near 50. Friday night - Partly cloudy. Low-near 30. Saturday - Mostly sunny & warmer. High-upper 50's. More wx at: www.wyxi.com

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY - JAN. 28

1878 - The first commercial telephone switchboard went into operation in New Haven, Connecticut. It initially served 12 subscribers.

1915 - The Coast Guard was created by an act of Congress.

1929 - Clarinet player Acker Bilk was born. His biggest hit record was "Stranger On the Shore."

1959 - Vince Lombardi was named head coach of the NFL's Green Bay Packers.

1986 - A major tragedy in the American space program took place when the space shuttle Challenger exploded over the Atlantic, 73 seconds after lift-off. The shuttle plunged in a fiery ball into the sea. All seven crew members were killed, including Christa McAuliffe, who would have been the first school teacher in space. The explosion was later blamed on faulty o-rings.

