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State & Local News

◆ SCHOOL WINTER BREAK SCHEDULE

Most public schools, but not all, in McMinn County will be closed next Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 21 and 22nd. Monday is Winter Break for McMinn County Schools and the Etowah City School. Tuesday is Parent-Teacher Conference Day in the McMinn County Schools and there will be no classes. Tuesday is Staff Development Day at the Etowah City School with no classes.

Athens City Schools WILL be open on Monday and Tuesday. Originally schools were scheduled to be closed Monday for President's Day and Tuesday for Winter Break. However, students will have to attend classes those days to make up for the two days missed due to snow in January.

◆ GRAND JURY INDICTS TEACHER'S AID

Tonia Hennessee Martin, age 38, of Athens was charged with 2 counts of Aggravated Statutory Rape and Solicitation of a Minor yesterday. In a press release, Sheriff Joe Guy said statements from Martin indicated that she had an inappropriate relationship with a 16 year old male MCHS student. Evidence was presented Tuesday.

◆ Monday is President's Day. It's a state and federal holiday, so most banks, the post office, state, and federal offices will be closed.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Troops and tanks locked down the capital of Bahrain Thursday. Riot police swinging clubs and firing tear gas waded into demonstrators in a pre-dawn assault that uprooted their protest camp. At least four people were killed.

◆ Defense Secretary Robert Gates says the prospects for closing the Guantanamo Bay detention camp are "very, very low" due to broad opposition in Congress.

◆ More people applied for unemployment benefits last week, one week after claims had fallen to the lowest level in nearly three years. The big drop a week earlier occurred largely because bad weather kept people from applying for benefits.

◆ Rep. Gabrielle Giffords is able to laugh at jokes and recognize visitors. When she was asked recently by her husband how she was doing, she replied, "Better." Friends say Giffords is in therapy from morning until night at a Houston facility. They say she is showing strong signs of progress each day.


◆ The U.S. Department of Transportation has fined Delta Air Lines \$2 million for violating federal rules concerning passengers with disabilities. The fine is the largest ever imposed against an airline in a non-safety related case.



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 Monday, Feb. 21, 6:30PM
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Athens, Tennessee

National League of Cities Chooses Moore

The National League of Cities has announced the appointment of Athens City Manager Mitchell Moore to the NLC's 2011 Finance, Administration, and Intergovernmental Relations Policy and Advocacy Steering Committee. This committee has the lead responsibility for developing NLC federal policy positions in the areas of national economic policy, intergovernmental relations, municipal bonds and capital finance, and municipal management and administration.



Who's New In Pink & Blue?

Nevaeh Kashae Johnson was born February 15th at Athens Regional Medical Center. She weighed 6 pounds and 5 ounces and was 19½ inches long. Her parents are Jessica Latham and Nicholas Johnson of Athens.

Obituaries

Mildred D. McCaslin, age 84, of the Goodsprings community died Thursday at McMinn Memorial Nursing Home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The Central High School football team will hold an all you can eat pancake breakfast tomorrow from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Applebee's in Athens. The cost is \$5.
- ✓ The McMinn County Clerk's Office, including the Driver's License Office, will be closed on Monday, Feb. 21, for President's Day.
- ✓ For those needing to pay property taxes, the McMinn County Trustee Office will be open tomorrow from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

Church News and Events

- Southern Gospel singer Ann Downing will be in concert this Sunday at 6 p.m. at Keith Memorial United Methodist Church.
- The Power Team, a group of world class athletes, will perform at North Etowah Baptist Church next Wednesday through Saturday at 7 p.m. nightly and Sunday morning, Feb. 27th, at 10:45 a.m.
- Wanda Keys will sing at Calvary Baptist Church in Riceville this Sunday morning at 11.

McMinn Girls Fast Pitch League

Sign-ups at McMinn County Courthouse Annex, 10A-12Noon
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