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Today's News...This Morning

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8th Annual Community Christmas Concert
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Bring non-perishable food items for
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Thursday-December 13, 2012

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ NO INJURIES IN DRIVE-BY SHOOTING

Two men are under arrest in connection with a drive-by shooting in which several shots were fired into a house at 1701 Ingleside Avenue in Athens Tuesday night. The residents of the house--Darnell Alloway, Brenda Hale, and two children ages 4 and 15 months--were not hit. They told police that 3 to 4 rounds were fired at the house and the bullets came through the window into the living room where they were sitting. They advised that a man identified as Jordan Jackson had been making threats to shoot the house up due to Jackson being arrested on a previous case. Officers spotted Jackson's car on King Street and arrested him and Cory Ferguson on charges of retaliation for past actions.

◆ WRECK VICTIM IN I-75 CRASH IDENTIFIED

The Tennessee Highway Patrol says that 21-year-old Randi Taylor Vaughn, of Cleveland, was the person killed Tuesday evening around 5:40 p.m. The single car wreck happened on the northbound side of I-75 at the 59 mile-marker, just below the main Sweetwater exit. The report said that Vaughn was distracted by a rear passenger, lost control of the car, left the road, hit some trees, and rolled. She was unbuckled and pronounced dead at the scene.

World & National News

◆ Jenna Bush Hager, former first daughter, announced Wednesday that she's pregnant with her first child, due in the spring. Hager is the twin daughter of former President George W. Bush and is married to Henry Hager. The couple has been married four years. This will be the first grandchild for the former president and his wife, Laura.

◆ Conservative leaders are publicly urging Republicans in Congress to resist pressure to compromise on a deal to avoid sending the country over the "fiscal cliff". A letter signed by more than 100 conservatives warns republicans that they are entering a testing period and that because they maintained firm control of the House on election day, they have a mandate to fight for conservative principles.

◆ Pedro Hernandez, the man charged with killing 6-year-old Etan Patz in 1979 pleaded not guilty on Wednesday. Three decades ago, Patz vanished while walking home from school in the Manhattan Soho neighborhood.

◆ If Senator John Kerry, D-Mass., is nominated and becomes Secretary of State, Republican Scott Brown, who was defeated by Elizabeth Warren on November 6, could possibly run for a senate seat again.

◆ Thirteen people accused in the disappearance of a young woman who was allegedly kidnapped and forced into prostitution were acquitted on Wednesday, sending shock and outrage across Argentina.

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TENNESSEE HEADLINES

- ◆ Legislative caucus meetings were held in Nashville yesterday. Rep. Mike Turner was re-elected chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, defeating Rep. Johnny Shaw of Boliver, an opponent who had promised to be less caustic in criticizing Republicans. Senate Republicans voted to give new terms to Ron Ramsey as lieutenant governor and speaker of the Senate, as well as most other members of their current leadership. An exception was the defeat of Senator Mae Beavers, R-Mount Juliet, as caucus treasurer.
- ◆ Visits to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park are up by nearly 8% over last year for the year to date. Year-to-date visits to the Smokies through November totaled 9,204,736 people. That's up 7.8% from January through November 2011.
- ◆ Rhea County is considering a new \$50 wheel tax to plug a deficit of nearly \$1 million. The tax could be implemented in January and would go into effect shortly thereafter. It is expected to raise about \$1.2 million per year.
- ◆ The Bradley County Sheriff's Department says that the 34-year-old driver of a Ford Explorer that collided with a Bradley County school bus a week ago has died of his injuries. Jeremy H. Anderson, of Charleston, was ejected from his vehicle after it crossed into the opposite lane on North Lee Highway, struck the bus, left the road and rolled over. Anderson died yesterday at Erlanger Medical Center. The driver of the school bus and its only passenger, a 14-year-old, were not seriously injured.

Obituaries

Ronnie S. Stewart, age 71, of Etowah, died Tuesday at Woods Memorial Hospital. He was retired from Damy Industries. Graveside services will be held Friday at 3:30 p.m. at Green Hill Cemetery. There will be no formal visitation. Ralph Buckner Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Wednesday's Market Closings

U.S. stocks erased early gains in afternoon trading and ended the day flat after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke's press conference. The Fed stated that interest rates will remain low "at least as long as" the jobless rate remains above 6.5 percent, and if inflation "between one and two years ahead" is projected to be no more than 2.5 percent. This surprised many as for the first time the Fed linked the outlook for its main interest rate to unemployment and inflation. U.S. bond prices ended the day lower. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 2.99 at 13,245.45, the Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 0.64 at 1,428.48, the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 8.49 at 3,013.81. In commodity markets, the spot price of gold rose \$1.25 to \$1,711.55, the spot price of silver rose \$0.44 to \$33.43, and crude oil prices rose \$0.98 to \$86.77.

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