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Thursday-December 27, 2012

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ ATHENS POLICE & FIRE DEPT. REPORTS

Police Chief Chuck Ziegler reports there were 68 thefts in Athens in November, 25 burglaries, 15 assaults, 3 robberies, and one sex offense. There were 96 traffic accidents with 14 injuries.

Fire Chief Jim Dyer reports that firefighters responded to 44 calls in November. They included two residential fires, two commercial fires, six vehicle accidents, two vehicle fires, and 10 false alarms. The total dollar loss was estimated at \$83,500.

◆ MADISONVILLE COUPLE DIE IN OHIO

Scott and Michele Barhorst of Madisonville were killed on Interstate 75 near Cincinnati, Ohio. The Barhorsts were on their way to visit family members in Ohio when their car was hit by a vehicle going the wrong way on the interstate. The Barhorst's four children survived the crash, but they are hospitalized at the children's Medical Center of Dayton, Ohio. They range in age from 8 to 18. The oldest, Tyler, is a senior at Sequoyah High School. Friends say that Scott Barhorst worked at Precision Strip, a metals processing plant in Vonore.

World & National News

◆ Washington police are investigating whether NBC's David Gregory broke the law by holding up what appeared to be a 30-round gun magazine on Sunday's 'Meet the Press' despite being denied permission by police to bring the weaponry on the show. It is illegal to have such a magazine in Washington, D.C.

◆ More than 200 Utah teachers are expected to pack a convention hall today for six hours of concealed-weapons training. In Utah, it is legal for a teacher to go armed. Utah is among a few states that let people carry licensed concealed weapons into public schools without exception.

◆ Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor on Wednesday denied a request to block part of the federal health care law that requires employee health-care plans to provide insurance coverage for the morning-after pill.

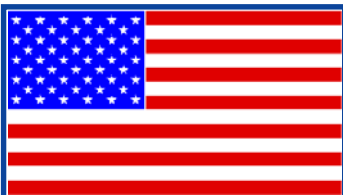
◆ Hawaii Lt. Gov. Brian Schatz has been picked to fill the seat of the late Senator Daniel Inouye, who died last week. Schatz could be sworn in today, which would make him Hawaii's senior senator heading into the new Congress, which begins Jan. 3.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Public Works Department reminds citizens to recycle this Christmas Holiday. The Recycle Center will be open at 8 a.m. through Saturday to allow you to recycle the paper, cardboard, and plastic from your Christmas packages. If you received new electronic items this year, remember to recycle your old ones at the Recycle Center, underneath the awning.

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McMinn County T.E.A. Party CALENDAR

- Jan. 7** Open Discussion / DVD
- Jan. 14** Keith Roloson (Prepper) Survivalist
- Jan. 21** Don Charest 2nd Amendment Attacks
- Jan. 28** Dr. Bill Warner Video
- Feb. 4** Bob Miller, former Fire Chief

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Toscana Pizza & Italian Grill, Ingles Shopping Center, Athens
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WEATHER

Thursday - Partly sunny.
High-mid 40's.
Thurs. night - Partly cloudy.
Low-28.
Friday - 20% rain in the p.m.
High-low to mid 50's.
More Weather & Zoom Radar
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Thursday-December 27, 2012

Athens, Tennessee

Just In Case You Missed Him...

Santa Claus made his annual rounds of various Athens neighborhoods this past Sunday and Monday nights, courtesy of the Athens Fire Department and the Athens Parks Department. Santa was driven around town in the back of a white pickup truck equipped with a flashing red light. A couple of young ladies managed to catch a ride with Santa. On the left is Lillie Miller and on the right is Gracie Miller. (Photo by Bob Miller)



Obituaries

Anna Mae Mason, age 89, of Etowah died Christmas Day at her home. She was a former employee of Etowah Manufacturing. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler.

Barbara Patricia Lewis, age 72, of Etowah died Monday at her home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday.

Dorothy Jean Foody, age 58, of Etowah, died Christmas Day at Parkwest Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

Mildred Jane "Janie" Newman, age 87, of Delano, died Wednesday at Woods Memorial Hospital. She worked in the lunch rooms of Delano and Benton Elementary Schools, and Polk County High School. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

Richard Thomas Martin, age 84, of Athens, died Wednesday at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

Wednesday's Market Closings

Consumer Discretionary shares led U.S. stocks lower on Wednesday as retailers were hit by disappointing seasonal sales through Christmas. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 24.49 at 13,114.59. The S & P 500 Index was down 6.83 at 1,419.83, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 22.44 at 2,990.16.

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY-December 27

1822 - French scientist Louis Pasteur was born. He invented the process of pasteurization to preserve milk and other foods.

1845 - Dr. Crawford Williamson Long used anesthesia for child-birth for the first time, when he delivered his own child in Jefferson, Georgia.

1900 - Carrie Nation staged her first raid on a saloon at the Carey Hotel in Wichita, Kansas. She broke every one of the liquor bottles in sight. Nation usually did her damage with a hatchet; calling her vandalism, hatchetation.

1927 - The Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein II musical, "Show Boat" debuted in New York City. Its star, Helen Morgan, received excellent reviews from critics of the show, a musical about riverboat show people and their romances and disappointments.

1947 - "Hey kids... What time is it? It's Howdy Doody time!" Buffalo Bob (Smith), Clarabelle the Clown (Bob Keeshan), Judy Canova and a host of others joined "Howdy Doody" for the show's debut on NBC-TV. The show stayed on the air for 13 years.

1968 - The Apollo-8 astronauts returned to earth after orbiting the moon 10 times. The mission paved the way for later moon-landing missions.