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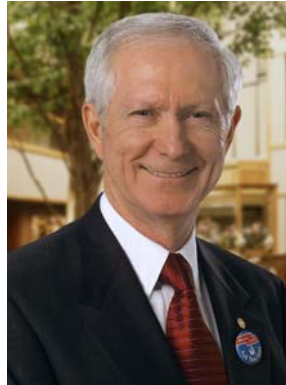
Friday-December 13, 2013

Athens, Tennessee

LOCAL & AREA NEWS

◆ TWC TO GRADUATE 99 STUDENTS TONIGHT

Tennessee Wesleyan College will host its second Winter Commencement tonight at 7 p.m. in the college's Townsend Hall Auditorium. The Winter Commencement speaker is Beecher Hunter, the president of Life Care Centers of America, which is based in Cleveland. Hunter is the former editor of the The Cleveland Daily Banner, a post he held for 13 years. He joined Life Care in 1986 as Vice President of Communications.




◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Tonight is the 9th Annual Community Christmas Concert in Etowah, which will be held at First Baptist Church of Etowah, beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is free, however, donations of non-perishable food items are requested for the Wesley Memorial UMC Food Pantry. Performers are the Etowah Town Band, Music Club Ensemble, 1st Baptist-Athens Handbells, & Etowah City School 1st thru 3rd Grade Choir.

NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS

- ◆ A Colorado school that had been widely criticized for suspending a 6-year-old boy for kissing a girl on the hand has dropped its sexual harassment claim against the first grader, and allowed him to return to school.
- ◆ The astronauts aboard the International Space Station have dimmed the lights, turned off unnecessary equipment and put off science work. NASA engineers are still trying to figure out what's wrong with a key cooling unit, which is threatening those onboard.
- ◆ The signer accused of gesticulating gibberish instead of deaf interpretation at the Nelson Mandela Memorial in South Africa, says he had a schizophrenic episode. He said that he began seeing angels and could not continue signing properly.
- ◆ Tech problems with the President's health care website are forcing the administration to extend a federal insurance plan for some of the sickest patients by a month. The Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan was supposed to disappear Jan. 1, because starting next year insurers will no longer be able to turn away patients with health issues. The administration says the extension is meant to smooth the transition to new coverage, easing anxiety for patients with serious illnesses such as heart disease and cancer.

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The Gem Players
invite the public to their 3rd Annual **A Merry Tuba Christmas,** on Saturday, Dec. 14th at 7PM at the Gem Theater in Etowah. Registration begins at 3pm with rehearsal at 4pm.
Ruth Sowers, coordinator
Contact Sowers at 423-920-4700 or gem_players@bellsouth.net
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Church News & Events

- Brittville Baptist Church will be presenting the play "Christ Is Our Peace" this Sunday night at 6 p.m. The church is located at 2650 Brittville Road, just off Highway 58.
- The Trinity United Methodist Church chancel choir will present the cantata, "The Winter Rose", by Joseph Martin at their 10:45 a.m. service this Sunday. The church is located at the intersection of College and North Jackson Streets in Athens, next to the TWC Campus.
- The Calvary Baptist Church will present the Christmas Drama, "Another Stressful Christmas" on Wednesday, Dec. 18th at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 20th at 7 p.m., and on Sunday, Dec. 22nd at 10:45 a.m. The church is located at 219 County Road 890, Etowah.
- Calvary United Pentecostal Church in Etowah will have a special Christmas program this Sunday at 10 a.m. The church will have special singing, fellowship, and Puppet shows.

Who's New in Pink & Blue?

Faith Riley Ann Knox was born on December 9, 2013 at Starr Regional Medical Center-Athens. She weighed 5 pounds 6 ounces and was 18 inches long. Her parents are Allan and Samantha Knox. She joins her brother, James Allan Knox, at home.

Obituaries

Bessie Coleman Hammonds, age 83, of the Clay Hill Community near Athens, died Wednesday at Life Care Center of Athens. She had been associated with Ridge Textile Company and the Niota Textile Company until her retirement. A funeral service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Smith.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Niota Christmas Parade is planned for 2 p.m. for this Saturday, Dec. 14th. The theme this year is "Small Town Christmas". The weather service is predicting the possibility of 1 to 2 inches of rain on Saturday. If the weather doesn't cooperate, the parade will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 17th at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks closed lower today, as investors assessed data on retail sales and jobless claims to gauge the timing of any cuts to Federal Reserve stimulus. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 104.10 at 15,739.43. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 6.72 at 1,775.50, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 5.41 at 3,998.40.

In commodity markets: The spot price of gold fell \$25.05 to \$1,227.20. The spot price of silver fell \$0.80 to \$19.50, and crude oil prices fell \$0.02 to \$97.42.

WEATHER

Friday - Increasing cloudiness. Highs in the upper 40s.
Friday night - 80% rain in PM. Lows in the mid 30's.
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