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Tuesday, December 2, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

Local and State News

◆ HELPING HANDS NEEDS A HELPING HAND

For over two years, Helping Hands Ministries has been helping low income residents of McMinn County by doing basic home repairs at no charge. Volunteers do such things as repairing rotten floors and building access ramps. The money for the materials comes from area churches, organizations, and businesses. Frank Davis and Jeff Brandon do most of the work, with the help of occasional volunteers. Davis says they currently have 25 jobs on the waiting list. He says they need groups to volunteer to spend a day or two providing labor. They also need money to pay for the materials. If you would like to help, call Frank at 423-920-4179.

◆ BEWARE OF HOLIDAY IDENTITY THEFT

The Tennessee Department of Safety is offering some tips to help you protect yourself from identity theft this holiday season:

- When paying by credit card:

Don't allow clerks to put your receipts in your bag. Carry them in your wallet instead. Watch cashiers and waiters to make sure they don't "skim" or save your card numbers for later use.

- When paying by check:

Never allow merchants to write your social security number on your check. Use a gel ink pen to write your checks.

- When shopping online:

Shop on reputable sites only, only use wireless internet connections that require a security key, and use a credit card instead of a debit card.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ The FBI has issued the strongest warning to date about possible attacks by the ISIS terrorist group against the U.S. military inside the homeland.

◆ Days after resigning as fundraising co-chair at the University of Massachusetts, Bill Cosby has now resigned from the Board of Trustees at Temple University.

◆ A spacecraft is set to awaken after nine years of hibernation as it prepares for its upcoming close encounter with Pluto.

◆ The FBI has confirmed that last Friday was the second-biggest day in U.S. history for gun background checks.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The City of Athens Parks Department is accepting registration through this Friday for the 2014-2015 Fundamental Basketball League for boys and girls K-8th grade and for special needs players, K-12th grade. For information, call 744-2704.

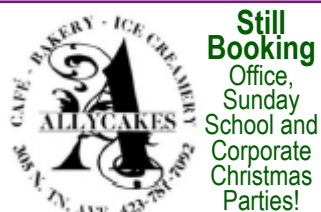
✓ The Relay for Life Team from SouthEast Bank in Decatur will be hosting Decatur Winterfest 2014 this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Meigs Middle School cafeteria. A variety of vendors will be set up to help with your Christmas shopping. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.



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WEATHER
Tuesday - Cloudy. 30% rain.
Highs in the lower to mid 60's.
Tuesday night - Mostly cloudy.
50% rain. Lows around 50.
Wednesday - Mostly cloudy.
30% rain. Highs in the lower to
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Athens, Tennessee

Athens Christmas Parade Floats

The annual Jimmy Limer Memorial Christmas Parade was held last night in downtown Athens by the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce. Here are the winning floats. BUSINESS/INDUSTRIAL: (1) Luc-Jon K9 Solutions, LLC. CIVIC CLUBS/ORGANIZATION: (1) McMinn Career Technical Center-Skills USA (2) Tri County Center. CHURCHES: (1) New Zion Baptist. In the photos is a float made by the McMinn County TEA Party and of course Old Saint Nick made his appearance too. (Information provided by Chris Limer) (Photos by Bob Ketchersid)



Obituaries

- **Averal Ovilee Dodd**, age 92, of Etowah died last Tuesday at NHC of Athens. She was a retired school teacher. Funeral services will be this Saturday, Dec. 6, at 12 noon at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 11 a.m. to 12 noon and again following the service until 2 p.m.
- **Anna Rae Monroe Brown**, age 86, of Riceville, died Sunday at her residence. She had worked with her husband, J.D. Brown, and his twin brother, G.E. Brown, at the Minute Lunch, a well known café in downtown Athens for many years. In 1961 the Brown brothers opened Brownies Restaurant, where she was the owner and operator from 1984-2000. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Thomas "Ira" Curtis III**, age 44, of Etowah died Saturday at his residence. He was employed by East Tennessee Warehouse. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m.
- **Lottie F. Black**, age 77, of Etowah died last Saturday. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Serenity Funeral Home, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m.
- **Michael Joe Lunsford**, age 61, of Athens, died Monday at Erlanger Medical Center. He was retired from AUB after 30 years of service. Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in McMinn Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

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