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Wednesday, December 17, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ ATHENS SCHOOLS TO BE CLOSED FRIDAY

Due to the rapid spread of the flu, the Athens City Schools have decided to close this Friday. That means the last day of school before Christmas Break will be this Thursday. School officials say 268 students, or 15 percent of the student body, were out sick Tuesday. Kids Connection will also be closed on Friday.

◆ STATE PATROL ID'S WRECK VICTIM

The Tennessee Highway Patrol has released the name of the young man killed in a one-vehicle crash Sunday night on Old Mecca Pike. He was Cody Green, 19, of McMinn County. Troopers say he lost control of his vehicle in a curve, slid off the road and slammed into two trees. At that point, the vehicle burst into flames with Green still inside. He was dead at the scene.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Keep McMinn Beautiful is currently selling trees and shrubs. Sweetbay Magnolia trees are \$10 each. Sweetshrub (Carolina Allspice) shrubs are \$10 for a one gallon pot containing a 12 inch seedling. Ben Franklin Trees are \$25 each. To order, contact Keep McMinn Beautiful at 745-2086 or you can call Shawn Lindsey at 744-2745.



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3 children, M. \$65 - Non \$125. For more info., call 423-745-4904

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush announced Tuesday he will "actively explore" a run for the Republican presidential nomination.

◆ Oxford Dictionary has chosen "vape" as its word of the year. Vape refers to e-cigarettes.

◆ TV host Kathie Lee Gifford, who has defended Bill Cosby in the past, says the comedian once tried to kiss her in the 1970's.

MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce "Business Before Hours" will be Thursday, December 18th, from 8 to 9 a.m. at the McMinn County Justice Center.

✓ The Englewood Public Library will hold an Open House for the entire community this Friday, Dec. 19, at 6 p.m. There will be food, games, and crafts.

✓ The City of Athens reminds you that any decorations placed on graves during the holidays will be disposed of by Feb. 1st.

✓ The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation has announced that the City of Athens has been awarded a \$4,900 grant for Used Motor Oil collection. The grant is to be used for a tank, pumps, and absorbent. Tellico Plains will receive a grant of \$14,600 for a tank, canopy, pad, heater, pump, and absorbent.



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Candle Light Christmas Service

Thursday, December 18th at 7 p.m. Erbin & Ruth Baumgardner invite you to attend the 17th Annual Candle Light Christmas Service at the historic Walnut Grove Methodist Episcopal Church South at the former Mouse Creek Nursery, 276 County Road 67, Riceville **Dress warmly and bring a flashlight!**



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Etowah Gets Parks Grant

The City of Etowah was presented with a \$50,000 Local Park and Recreation Program Fund grant for the City Park on December 11th in Nashville. The photo shows: (L-R) Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Deputy Commissioner Brock Hill, Etowah Parks and Recreation Director Brian Silber, and TDEC Commissioner Bob Martineau.



Obituaries

- **Clyde "Junior" Thompson**, age 60, of Niota died Sunday at Sweetwater Hospital. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m.
- **James Hugh Nunley**, age 74, of Athens died Monday at his home. He retired from Athens Stove Works after 37-and-a-half years. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Thursday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks closed down as investors await the monetary decision from the Federal Reserve policy makers due today. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 111.97 at 17,068.87. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 16.89 at 1,972.74, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 57.32 at 4,547.83.

TODAY IN HISTORY-December 17th

- 1778** - British chemist Sir Humphry Davy was born. He invented the safety lamp worn by coal miners.
- 1894** - Arthur Fiedler was born in Boston. He became famous as the conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra.
- 1903** - Orville and Wilbur Wright made the first successful airplane flight, soaring over the sand dunes near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. Their first flight last 12 seconds, covered a distance of 120 feet, and flew at an altitude of 8 to 12 feet.
- 1903** - Author Erskine Caldwell was born in Georgia. His best-known book was "Tobacco Road."



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