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Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

LOCAL & STATE NEWS

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Athens Parks and Recreation Department announces that the 2015 Mother-Son Dance pictures have arrived. Pictures may be picked-up at the Athens Municipal building, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more info, call 744-2704.
- ✓ The Niota Fire Department is taking applications for children that could some extra help from Santa this year. Sign-ups are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. from November 17 through December 10th. You will need to provide proof of residence, income, and any government assistance.
- ✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce will host its November "Business Before Hours" event this Thursday, November 19th from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Athens Small Animal Hospital which is located at 318 Maple Street. All Chamber members are urged to attend and be sure to bring extra business cards to exchange.
- ✓ The Ingleside School PTO will sponsor a Christmas Fair this Saturday, November 21st, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the school gym. Join the IngIElves for a time of fun and Christmas shopping.
- ✓ The 18th annual Christmas Bazaar and Craft Sale takes place this Friday and Saturday, November 20 and 21st, at the McMinn Senior Activity Center. The hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Lots of crafters and artisans will be featured.
- ✓ The Athens Old-Fashioned Downtown Christmas is this Saturday, November 21st from 3 to 8 p.m. There's no admission and it's sponsored by the Downtown Business Association.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ Out of concern for protecting the safety of their residents, a growing number of states are refusing to take in Syrian refugees. Michigan and Alabama were the first states in the country to refuse relocating Syrian refugees. They have now been joined by Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Indiana, Illinois, Massachusetts, Ohio, Arizona, North Carolina, Florida, Wisconsin, Mississippi, New Hampshire, Georgia, Maine, Kansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, South Carolina and Iowa. According to a State Department spokesman, they may have no choice but to accept them.
- ◆ Secretary of State John Kerry made a surprise visit to Paris on Monday to meet with French and American officials in the wake of Friday's deadly terror attacks in Paris.
- ◆ President Obama ruled out a shift in strategy in the fight against Islamic State on Monday despite the deadly attacks in Paris. He states that putting more U.S. troops on the ground as sought by his political critics "would be a mistake."
- ◆ After reports of several bomb threats, Harvard University said on Monday that a search of four targeted campus buildings turned up no explosives and that the buildings were reopened for normal business.
- ◆ Security is on high-alert in the U.S. in the wake of Friday's deadly terror attacks in Paris. U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch said that protecting America from terrorist attacks is one of her highest priorities and the U.S. is taking appropriate steps to ramp up its defenses.



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Athens, Tennessee

Two New Marines from McMinn

Two 2015 graduates of McMinn County High School have completed Boot Camp with the U.S. Marine Corps at Parris Island, South Carolina. Richard Newman of Athens sent us this photo of Nic Elkins (Left) and Dakota Powell. The new Marines completed graduation exercises last Friday at the U.S. Marine Recruit Depot. Semper Fi!!



MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 236.84 at 17,482.08. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 27.29 at 2,050.33, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 56.73 at 4,984.62.

Obituaries

- **Debra Lynn Newberry**, age 47, of Etowah, died last Thursday. She spent the past 15 years taking care of the elderly at NHC, Life Care, Morning Pointe, and Wellington Place. A Celebration of Life Service will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Serenity Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at Serenity.
- **Marvin Powell**, age 84, of Riceville, died Sunday at Kindred Hospital in Chattanooga. He was a dairy farmer in the Sanford Community and was the Farmer of the Year in McMinn County in 1985. A Funeral Service will be Thursday at 7 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at Smith.
- **Susan Markwood Walker Wood**, age 67, of Athens, died last Friday at a Chattanooga Hospital. She had worked at Ingleside Elementary School as an aide and substitute teacher. At her request there will be no formal visitation or service. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- **Joyce M. Trahan**, age 81, of Etowah, died on Sunday at McMinn Memorial Nursing Home. A Funeral Service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday, prior to the service.
- **Mary Robison Willis Lunsford**, age 72, of Ten Mile, died last Friday at a Knoxville hospital. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.

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