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Monday, December 7, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

Local & Area News

◆ SANTA COMES TO ATHENS TONIGHT

The annual Jimmy Liner Memorial Christmas Parade takes place in Downtown Athens tonight starting at 6:30. That's an earlier start time than previous year's Athens Christmas parades. The floats line up at Athens City Middle School and make their way along Keith Lane to West Madison Avenue, then into the Downtown area and around the Courthouse Square. Spectators will see 19 competition floats, other floats carrying local sports teams, scouts, and other area folks, as well as dancers, the McMinn County High School Marching Band, cheerleaders, antique cars, emergency vehicles, and more. At 6 p.m., the Tim Hughes Quartet & Friends will entertain spectators on the Courthouse steps. The TWC Jazz Ensemble will be playing in front of Sherman Hall on North Jackson Street. The Athens parade will be the last of the major Christmas parades in the area. The Englewood parade was held this past Friday night. The Etowah parade was held last Thursday. You can see a photo of one of the floats in the Etowah parade on Page 2.

✓ The Optimist Club of Athens will have its 11th Annual Soup Supper Monday from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Mars Hill Presbyterian Church fellowship hall. Drive-through service will be provided. \$5 will get you a bowl of chili or soup, dessert, and a drink.

MORE LOCAL NEWS

◆ STABBING AT ATHENS REGIONAL PARK

Two women face charges after a stabbing at Athens Regional Park. Police say two families met at the park this past Friday night to exchange items they found on Facebook. Police say they got into an argument that eventually turned physical. The fight ended with Lacey Armstrong being stabbed several times in the leg. Police charged Angela and Marilyn Miller of Athens with aggravated assault.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ Northbound traffic on I-75 was blocked for several hours on Sunday due to an overturned 18-wheeler at mile marker 51. Traffic was detoured off the interstate at exit 49, causing very heavy traffic on Decatur Pike, Congress Parkway, and Highway 305.
- ✓ The Knoxville Symphony Chamber Orchestra will present a "Musical Story Time" tomorrow at 11:45 a.m. at the E.G. Fisher Public Library. It will be an up close experience with instruments and musicians, and is designed for children ages 3 to 5 years old.
- ✓ The Knoxville Symphony Chamber Orchestra presents a holiday concert featuring Our Three Tenors Tuesday night at 7:30 at Athens Middle School. Tickets are \$20 for adults (\$25 at the door) and \$10 for students. They can be bought at The Arts Center.



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In Case You Missed It...

The Etowah Christmas parade took place last Thursday night. Durant Tullock, director of the Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce, provided this photo of one of the floats.



PAJAMAS & BOOKS FOR NEEDY CHILDREN

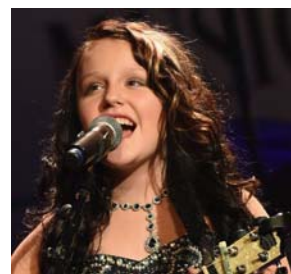
Regions Bank is collecting new pajamas and books for children in need in McMinn and Meigs counties. If you would like to help out, you can drop off new pj's or books at the Athens and Decatur Regions Bank branches through December 9th. The books and pajamas will be included in the backpacks given to children by Keith Methodist Church's Nourish One Child program and in Meigs County through the Give a Kid a Chance program sponsored by the Cottonport Church of God.

Obituaries

- **Oggie Mae "Dean" McDermott**, age 94, of Athens died last Wednesday. Services were held Sunday. M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home was in charge.
- **Marie Crye**, age 79, of Etowah died Friday. A celebration of life service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Serenity Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Pauline Parker Hall**, age 96, of Athens died Sunday at her home. Arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

EMISUNSHINE FEATURED ON CHRISTMAS CD

EmiSunshine, the 11-year-old singer from Madisonville, is one of more than a dozen country singers featured in a song on the new Christmas CD by Rhonda Vincent. One of the songs, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," features such singers as Dolly Parton, Willie Nelson, Bill Anderson, the Oak Ridge Boys, Ronnie Milsap, and EmiSunshine. Each singer takes a turn singing the name of one of the 12 gifts mentioned in the song. EmiSunshine does the "two turtle-doves" line. Emi's real name is Emily Sunshine Hamilton. Her band includes her dad on bass, her brother on mandolin, and her uncle on drums. Her mom co-writes her songs. You can hear the Rhonda Vincent song on WYXI Radio, AM-1390.



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