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Tuesday, December 22, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The City of Athens has announced its holiday schedule. The Athens Municipal Building will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The Recycling Center and Animal Shelter will also be closed Thursday and Friday., but will re-open on Saturday. The residential garbage routes will be picked up as normal on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday's route will be collected next Monday, Dec. 28th, and Friday's route will be picked up next Tuesday, Dec. 29th.
- ✓ You still have time to purchase a brick for Christmas to honor a veteran. The bricks will be placed in the walkway at Veterans Park next May 22nd. Anyone wishing to purchase a brick as a Christmas present may do so today and tomorrow at the Athens Municipal Building.
- ✓ Tickets are now on the sale for the 70th Annual Dinner Meeting of the Athens Chamber of Commerce to be held Thursday, January 28th, 2016, in the Sherman Fine Arts Building at Tennessee Wesleyan College. There will be a silent auction at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person. They are available at the Chamber office, 13 N. Jackson Street, or by calling 745-0334. The deadline for purchasing tickets is January 21st.
- ✓ The McMinn County Election Commission has certified the petitions of two candidates for Property Assessor in the Republican primary next March. They are incumbent Keith Price and challenger Johnny Johnson. There are no Democrats running.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

- ◆ Lakeisha Holloway, the 24-year-old woman who repeatedly rammed her car into pedestrians on the packed Las Vegas Strip, killing one person and injuring more than 30, will be charged with murder. Additional charges will also be filed against Holloway, who had her three-year-old daughter in the car at the time of the incident.
- ◆ South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham announced on Monday that he is suspending his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination.
- ◆ Hillary Clinton is being blasted by Republican presidential candidates over her assertion that the United States is "finally where we need to be" in the fight against ISIS, and her unsubstantiated claim that the terror group is using a video of Donald Trump's anti-Muslim rhetoric as a recruiting tool.

◆ **FACTOID:** Just how much water does it take to put out a large fire? Well, the Athens Fire Department used the amount of water it would take to fill up an Olympic Size swimming pool as they fought the recent fire at Friendly City Auto Care on West Madison Avenue.

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Extreme Caving

Chris Leonard of Athens has a unique hobby. When he's not repairing transmissions at Leonard's Transmissions, he's exploring caves. Chris has explored hundreds of caves in Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia. His idea of caving is to go in with climbing gear, lights, and wet suits. The photo to the right showed him climbing up a rope in front of the 246-foot falls inside the Keystone River Cave near Sparta. The photo below shows a closer view of Chris as he climbs. Chris says there are 9,000 caves in Tennessee alone. (Photo by Chris Higgins)



Obituaries

- **William Clayton Jackson**, age 80, of Athens, died Saturday at Park Ridge Medical Center. He was an operator for W. L. Hailey Inc. and was a veteran of the Air Force. Funeral services were held Monday night at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. Interment will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Clearwater Cemetery.
- **Sandra Lee Poet Moore**, age 74, of Riceville, died last Friday. The family will hold a private service at a later date. Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.
- **Jerry Lee Ricker**, age 70, of Decatur, died Saturday. He served as a gunner on the USS Maddox in the Navy during the Vietnam era. He later worked as an equipment operator and a lineman. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m.
- **Keigan Storm Resor Hyatt**, infant son of Chelsie Resor and Shayn Hyatt, died Saturday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. No formal services will be held at this time. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- **Henry Junior Daniel**, age 76, of Ten Mile, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center. He was a machinist, and retired after 30 years of service at the Watts Bar Hydro Plant. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home.
- **Christina Dawn Evans**, age 25, of Decatur, died Saturday at her home. Arrangements will be announced by Bowers Funeral Home.
- **Cindy S. Slone Provost**, age 58, of Athens, died Monday at her home. She had worked at the Dinner Bell in Sweetwater. Private services will be held in Michigan at a later date. Serenity Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Merry Christmas!

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