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Tuesday, December 29, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ ATHENS NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

In observance of the New Year, the Athens Municipal Building and Public Works Department will be closed this Friday, January 1st. The Recycle Center and the Animal Shelter will also be closed on Friday. Residential garbage will be collected on the normal schedule with the exception of Friday. Friday's garbage will be collected next Monday, January 4th.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Athens Parks Department's 31st Annual Daddy-Daughter Dance will be held on February 12th and 13th. Tickets will be on sale in the Recreation office at the Municipal Building beginning January 6th, 2016. They will be on sale online only starting at 12:01 a.m. this Friday, January 1st, at www.cityofathens.com/parks. Tickets are \$12 per person, and only 500 tickets are available for each dance. There will be four dances: Friday, Feb. 12th at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 13th, at 1 p.m., 4 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.
- ✓ If you plan to pay your city and/or county property taxes this year, keep in mind that the payments must be received by 5 p.m. this Thursday, December 31st, or postmarked prior to midnight on Dec. 31st. Your McMinn County property taxes can be paid online. Go to www.tennessee trustee.com. Click on McMinn County and follow the instructions. You may also use the drop box located at the top of the steps on the Washington Avenue side of the courthouse across from the former location of Riddle & Wallace Drugstore.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

- ◆ An Ohio grand jury has declined to indict two police officers in the death of Tamir Rice, a 12-year-old boy who was shot dead by a Cleveland police officer last year. Tamir was holding a toy gun when he was shot at a Cleveland playground.
- ◆ At least 45 people were killed across seven states since Wednesday following days of severe weather, including flash floods in Illinois and tornadoes in Texas. Two deaths were reported in Alabama, 10 were reported in Mississippi, six were killed in Tennessee, one died in Arkansas and most recently, 11 were killed in Texas.
- ◆ Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel cut his holiday vacation short to deal with the fallout from two people being fatally shot by police the day after Christmas.
- ◆ Wall Street started off the last week of the year by closing down. The Dow fell 23.49 to close at 17528.68. The Nasdaq dropped 7.51 to finish at 5040.99, while the S&P 500 ended the session at 2056.51, down 4.48 from its open. Crude oil dropped below \$37 a barrel.

CRAM TO MAKE ANOTHER HOMELESS COUNT

CRAM, the Community Resource Agency of McMinn, will be conducting another Point-In-Time (PIT) homeless count in McMinn County later this month. This year's count will take place on January 28th. The event will be organized by CRAM's Faith-Based Committee, chaired by Will Shelton with Keith Memorial United Methodist Church. If you would like to volunteer to take part in the count, or would like more information, call Priscilla Rutherford at CRAM at 423-443-7675.

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Wednesday - Near 100% rain chance. High-upper 50s.
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New Painting for Etowah Library

The Etowah Carnegie Library was recently the recipient of the L & N Depot painting entitled "Joint Effort." Shown in the photo making the presentation are, left to right: Joe Horrocks, Connie Hershey (In memory of her late husband LeRoy Hershey), and artist Tom Rock. (Photo from Lara Crockett)



Obituaries

- **Anna "Jo" Miller Norwood**, age 87, of Athens, died Monday at Life Care Center of Athens. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church for 77 years and delivered Meals on Wheels for many years. A graveside service will be held Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in Cedar Grove Cemetery. There will be no formal visitation. Funeral arrangements are by Smith Funeral & Cremation Services.
- **Kenneth Howard Clayton**, age 87, of Athens, died Sunday at his residence. He was retired from the McMinn County Board of Education after 25 years where he worked as Maintenance Supervisor. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the U.S. Navy. He was a well-known and respected breeder of Bantam chickens. A funeral service will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.
- **Letha Mae Womac Scoggins**, age 87, of Athens, died Sunday at her home. She was a seamstress with ABC Cleaners of Chattanooga for many years. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

MAYFIELD PLANT EVACUATED FOR GAS LEAK

A leak of anhydrous ammonia at Mayfield Dairy on East Madison Avenue in Athens, caused much of the plant to be evacuated last night around 8:30 p.m. Anhydrous ammonia is a colorless, highly irritating gas with a sharp, suffocating odor. Athens Firemen responded to the scene after employees noticed the fumes. Anhydrous ammonia is used in large freezing and refrigeration plants.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY-DECEMBER 29

1766 - The man who made it possible for you to carry an umbrella was born on this date. Charles MacIntosh invented waterproof fabrics.

1800 - American industrialist Charles Goodyear was born. He developed the process for vulcanizing rubber when he accidentally dropped some rubber mixed with sulfur on a hot stove.

1808 - President Andrew Johnson was born in Raleigh, North Carolina. He was elected Vice President in 1864 and became the 17th President when Abraham Lincoln was assassinated.

1851 - The first YMCA (Young Men's Christian Association) chapter in the U.S. opened in Boston.

1963 - Much to the chagrin of the disc jockeys at 50,000-watt WABC in New York, the 5,000-watt WMCA and its famed 'Good Guys' became the first New York radio station to play the Beatles' I Want to Hold Your Hand.

1975 - A bomb exploded in the main terminal of New York's LaGuardia Airport, killing 11 people.

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