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Thursday, December 14, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

## STATE & LOCAL NEWS

### ◆ WORKERS SICKENED AT MILLS PRODUCTS

Seventeen employees at Mills Products in Athens became sick as a result of an unknown reason Wednesday morning. The plant was evacuated as firefighters and hazmat specialists worked to determine the root cause. The plant is located at 2530 Northridge Drive and is a metal forming and fabrication company. At approximately 8:30 a.m., two employees experienced symptoms of illness. Shortly after that, numerous other employees began complaining of nausea and headaches. The Athens Fire Department and Athens Utilities Board tested the building multiple times for a gas leak and carbon monoxide, but no signs of either were present, and the plant reopened at 1 p.m. The symptoms only affected workers on the first shift. Workers on the previous 2nd and 3rd shifts were contacted and none reported any sickness. All employees who experienced headaches and nausea were transported to Starr Regional Medical Center as a precautionary measure for evaluation and treatment. In an unrelated event earlier Wednesday, another employee was airlifted due to a personal medical issue and is being treated. The facility was later cleared by the Athens Fire Department, TEMA, and McMinn County Emergency Management and is now operating on a normal schedule. No new cases of illness have been reported. Some employees treated earlier have been released by their healthcare providers.

**The Sanctuary Choir of East Athens Baptist Church**  
**presents "How Should a King Come?"**  
**Sunday, Dec. 17th at 10:45am and 4:00 pm**  
 in the Sanctuary

## National - World News

◆ Lt. Gov. Tina Smith will head to Washington to temporary fill the Senate seat left vacant by Minnesota Sen. Al Franken. Franken resigned last week in the midst of sexual misconduct allegations and an ethics committee investigation.

◆ New York's junior senator, Kirsten Gillibrand, said women are standing up to sexual harassment and assault, and "are not going to be silenced." Senator Gillibrand, a democrat, said she interpreted President Trump's attack that she "would do anything" for campaign donations as a sexual innuendo.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Hiwassee Chapter Sons of the American Revolution of Athens is one of many groups that will be taking part in a public Wreath Laying ceremony this Saturday at 12 noon at the Chattanooga National Cemetery. Congressman Chuck Fleischmann will also participate.

✓ The Hiwassee River Rail Adventure and Tennessee Overhill will present "Santa's Hiwassee Holiday Train" again this weekend. Trains will leave at 12 noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday and 2 and 4 p.m. on Sunday. For tickets, call 263-7840. The cost is \$22 for ages 2 and up.

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### 13th Annual Community Christmas Concert

**Thurs., Dec. 14 7 pm**  
**1st Baptist Church Etowah**  
**Featuring: Etowah Town Band;**  
**Central Harmony; Wesley After School**  
**Program (WASP) Choir**

### FREE ADMISSION

Bring non-perishable food items for Wesley Memorial UMC Food Pantry. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.



**New Holiday Hours:**  
**Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**  
**3:30-5:30pm**  
**Saturday, 9am-2pm**  
**By appointment - 423-453-7687**  
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## Obituaries

- ♦ **Robert Eugene McGowan**, age 54, of Riceville, died Sunday at his residence. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Ronnie Lee Dawson**, age 64, of Athens, died Tuesday at his residence. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- ♦ **Randall "Rooster" Joe Morrow**, age 59, of Athens, died Tuesday at Erlanger. He was a local carpenter for many years. The family will receive friends at Smith Funeral Home from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday.
- ♦ **Azalea L. Merrell**, age 101, of Tallahassee, Florida, and formerly of Etowah, died Wednesday. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Bordwine Funeral Home.

**WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** U.S. stocks were mixed. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 81 points or 0.3% to 24,585. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 1 point or 0.1% to 2,663, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 13 points or 0.2% to 6,876.

### Owings Metal Art & Mercantile

518-B Congress Pkwy S., Athens (cabin between Southland Fin. & Tractor Supply)  
**GRAND OPENING / OLDE FASHIONED CHRISTMAS**  
DECEMBER 15-17 9am-8pm Last minute Christmas needs, door prizes, refreshments, 1st 10 people through the door each day receives a free gift.

## E&E Donates Food Baskets

E&E Manufacturing in Athens has donated more than 100 Christmas Food Baskets for senior citizens in need in McMinn County. The baskets were donated to the McMinn Senior Activity Center. If you or a senior that you know (60+) receives Medicaid, Food Stamps, Public Housing, Low Income Home Energy Assistance, Medicare Extra Help, or meet federal poverty guidelines/eligibility requirement, you are eligible to receive a food basket. Call the Senior Center at 745-6830 for details. The photo shows E&E employees with some of the baskets.



## Athens Lions Club host Christmas Concert

16 Dec 2017 7 PM

Athens City Middle School

Free Concert - Donations Accepted

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