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Athens, Tennessee

STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ NOW THAT IS COLD IN THE MOUNTAINS!

With all the sub-freezing temperatures we've had in Southeast Tennessee the past several days, Bald River Falls is almost completely frozen. Jennifer Hardison sent us this photograph.



National - World News

◆ Tina Smith, Minnesota's lieutenant governor, was sworn in as the state's junior senator Wednesday, replacing Al Franken. Franken officially stepped down Tuesday following allegations of sexual misconduct. Democrat Doug Jones of Alabama was also sworn in following his upset victory in December over Republican Roy Moore. Jones was joined by former Vice President Joe Biden during his ceremony.

◆ An American service member was killed in combat in eastern Afghanistan on Monday. Four others were wounded in an area known for ISIS activity

◆ A man in his 60s was killed Wednesday after he was punched by another man and tumbled back onto the subway tracks in Brooklyn, New York. The incident occurred at the Jay Street-MetroTech stop around 2:30 p.m.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Due to the extremely cold weather, the McMinn County and Meigs County schools will not resume classes until next Monday, January 8th. They had both been scheduled to re-open today. Athens City schools will also return to class on Monday, Jan. 8th.

✓ The Heritage School program at the McMinn Living Heritage Museum this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. will feature Cherokee Basket Weaving with pine needles by Tonya Dockery.

✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library will have Rock Painting next Tuesday, Jan. 9th, at 4 p.m.

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Thursday - Mostly sunny.
High near 25. Wind chill values
between 4 and 14. North
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Obituaries

- ♦ **Faye Gaddis Lankford**, age 74, of Athens, died Wednesday morning. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 1 to 3 p.m.
- ♦ **Peggy Jeanette Watson**, age 67, of Englewood, died Tuesday at Life Care Center of Athens. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m.
- ♦ **Morris Gladstone Hammonds, Jr.**, age 76, of Athens, died Tuesday. He taught school for 17 years at McMinn Central High School. He was also a carpenter and worked at Bowater. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Robert Dennis Otterstetter**, age 78, formerly of the Villages, Florida and New Orleans, Louisiana, died Thursday, December 21, 2017. He was a Navy Veteran of over 20 years and served in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Ziegler Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of the arrangements.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks closed higher, with the energy sector leading as the price of oil increased due to a drop in U.S. stockpiles. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 99 points or 0.4% to 24,923. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 17 points or 0.6% to 2,713, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 59 points or 0.8% to 7,066.

A Boost for Two Charities

Resolute Forest Products (formerly Bowater) has partnered with the McMinn County Foster Care Association for many years to give Christmas gifts to children in foster care. This past Christmas, Resolute employees purchased gifts for 51 children. Pictured from left are Association representatives Peggy Carroll and Beverly True, Resolute Staff Assistant Beth Bush, and Resolute retiree Ken Keaton.



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