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Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Athens, Tennessee

Local & Area News

♦ BELL MISSES BID FOR MAJORITY LEADER

State Sen. Mike Bell of Riceville was unsuccessful in his attempt to become Senate Majority Leader. In voting by the Republican Senate Caucus this week, Senator Jack Johnson of Franklin bested Bell for the post.

♦ COCHRAN GETS HOUSE POST

State Representative-elect Mark Cochran of Englewood has been unanimously elected by his peers to serve as House Republican Caucus Treasurer during the upcoming Tennessee General Assembly. This is a leadership position rarely held by freshman caucus members. In his role, Cochran will receive and safeguard all caucus funds and keep accurate records of receipts and expenditures.

♦ SHERIFF GUY ISSUES SCAM ALERT

McMinn County Sheriff Joe says a new scam has recently surfaced that the public needs to know about. In this "3rd Party" scam, a person receives a job application and contract as a "Shipping Agent" for an online company. The "shipping agent" is only asked to receive packages, take a photo of them, then re-ship it to another address. Sheriff Guy says the online company is fake. The item the "shipping agent" receives has been purchased with a stolen credit card. The "shipping agent" unwittingly acts as a middle man and keeps the credit card company from tracking the purchase to its actual destination.

National & World News

- ♦ As a military honor guard stood silent watch, Americans from all walks of life came to honor the nation's 41st president, George H.W. Bush as he lay in state at the U.S. Capitol Rotunda.
- ◆ Following a briefing on the murder of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi on Tuesday leading Republicans told reporters that there was "zero question" that Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman ordered the brutal murder.
- ◆ France's prime minister said Tuesday the government was suspending the fuel tax increase for six months following nationwide protests in recent weeks.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ Today is Free Flu Shot Day across Tennessee. In McMinn County, free shots will be given from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Health Department. In Meigs County, the shots will be given from 9 a.m. to noon at the Piggly Wiggly.
- ✓ The McMinn County Election Commission Office will be closed Dec. 5-7 so the staff can attend the Winter Election Law Seminar. The office will re-open on Monday, Dec. 12, at 8:30 a.m.
- ✓ The Athens Parks Department announces the restrooms at Prof Powers Park, Heritage Park, Cook Park, the Ingleside Complex, and Fisher Field will close for the winter this week. The trail head restroom, the playground restroom, the lake pavilion, and the concession stand restrooms at Regional Park will remain open throughout the winter. ✓













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Obituaries

- Richard Wayne Daniels, age 66, of Decatur, died Monday at Erlanger Medical Center. He was a native of McMinn County and a longtime resident of Decatur. He had been associated with Shaw Industries for 11 years until his retirement. A private graveside service for the family will held at Mountain View Cemetery in Decatur. There will be no formal visitation. Smith Funeral and Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.
- Ulys Arnwine, age 76, of Niota, died Sunday at his residence. Funeral arrangements will be announced by M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home of Athens.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks declined sharply amid concerns that the U.S. and China trade agreement may not be as strong as hoped. Investors retreated broadly from stocks, with industrial companies like Boeing and Caterpillar suffering steep losses. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 799 points or -3.1% to 25,027. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 90 points or -3.2% to 2,700, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 283 points or -3.8% to 7,158.

WEATHER FORECAST

Wednesday - Sunny. High 39. Wed. night - Clear. Low 24. Thursday - Sunny. High 46. Thu. night - Cloudy. Low 30. Friday - Cloudy. High 47. Fri. night - 40% rain. Low 34. More Weather at: wyxi.com



ALL-NIGHT Christmas Music

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Athens Parade Scenes

Julie Simbeck with the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce took these photos of some of the participants in Monday night's Jimmy Liner Memorial Christmas Parade in Downtown Athens.





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