

#### Local & Area News

#### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ If you plan to pay your county and/or city property taxes before the end of the year, a reminder that the McMinn County Trustee's Office will be closed today through Wednesday. The City of Athens Finance Department will be closed both today and Christmas Day, but will re-open on Wednesday.

✓ The McMinn County Clerk's Office will be closed today, Christmas Day, and Wednesday for the Christmas holidays.

✓ The E.G. Fisher Public Library will be presenting the Teen Yule Ball this Thursday, December 27th, at 6 p.m. Teens grades 6 through 12 can ring in the New Year Hogwarts style. Put on your dress robes and grab a mask. The night will feature dancing and games.

✓ Another small earthquake was recorded in the area last Friday afternoon just before 1 p.m. The 2.2 magnitude quake was centered southeast of Englewood.

✓ Women at the Well continues to need financial help to finish their chapel/classroom. To donate, send a check to Women at the Well; 881 County Rd 655; Athens. Donations are tax deductible.

## **AUB Employees Adopt Veterans**

The employees of Athens Utilities Board adopted 11 local veterans for Christmas with the help of the McMinn County Veterans Services office and local businesses. The project is called Warm Neighbor Gifts. This is the second year for the project, which includes a gift pack to the veterans. All of the money spent on the

items in the gift packs is from the pockets of AUB employees and management. The gifts include gift cards, blankets, toboggans, scarves, soups, coffee, hot chocolate, and more. The photo shows Brock Walker and his dad, Boone (AUB), James Lowry (veteran), and Jacqueline Glassford



(McMinn Co. Veterans Services officer) (Photo by Erica Peden)





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## **United Way Presents Check**

The United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties recently presented a grant to the Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church

Food Pantry. The food pantry is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to Noon for Etowah City Residents.



(Photo from Paige Zabo, United Way)

# **Giving Back to the Community**

Waupaca Foundry in Etowah donated toys to give to needy children for Christmas. Monty Larson, Assistant Human Resource Manager, sent us this photo showing a group of Waupaca employees with the toys they donated. The toys were picked up by the City of Etowah to be distributed.



And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2: 13 & 14

The Full Account of the Birth of Jesus can be found in Matthew 1 & 2 and Luke 2 in the Holy Bible



And she brought forth her first-born

son, and wrapped him in swaddling

clothes, and laid him in a manger,

because there was no room for them



And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2: 10 & 11 MERKI CHRISTMAS from the Morning Fax Staff

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16