

Local & Area News

◆ NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE FOR ATHENS

The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following New Year's holiday closings: The Athens Municipal Building. Public Works, Recycle Center, and Animal Shelter will be closed on Tuesday, January 1st, in observance of New Year's. Those facilities will re-open on Wednesday, January 2nd. Residential garbage routes for December 31st and January 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, will be on the regular schedule. The Tuesday, January 1st route, will be picked up on Thursday, January 3rd.

◆ VENUE PICKED FOR CHAMBER BANQUET The 73rd Annual Athens Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held at the Southeast Tennessee Trade & Conference Center at 122 Regional Park Drive in the Athens Regional Park. This will be the first time at that particular location. The date is Thursday, January 31st, and the hours are 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and will go on sale beginning January 4th at the Chamber office located in the basement of the McMinn County Courthouse. You may also call 423-745-0334 for tickets. The highlight of the annual meeting is the presentation of awards for Man of the Year, Mother of the Year, Young Man of the Year, Teacher of the Year, Farmer of the Year, and Business-Professional Woman of the Year. The meeting will also feature a report on Chamber activities during 2018 and the passing of the gavel to the new leader for the coming year.

National & World News

• An 8-year-old boy from Guatemala died Tuesday while in U.S. custody, according to immigration officials. He became the second child to die in such circumstances this month. The cause of his death is unknown.

◆ President Trump has a Christmas message for Democrats – the government is going to remain partially shut down "until we have a wall [or] fence." Speaking to reporters Tuesday in the Oval Office during the fourth day of the impasse, the President also revealed that he will be going to the border in Texas for a "groundbreaking" ceremony for a portion of the project at the end of January.

◆ A volunteer firefighter in New Jersey was killed in a car crash while she was on her way to help others on Christmas Day. Police say Natalie Dempsey, 21, was driving her 2001 Honda Accord in Hamilton Township about 6:20 a.m. Tuesday when she lost control of the vehicle and crashed into a guardrail.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The guest on "Hope from the Well," the weekly radio program from Women at the Well this Thursday will be John Karnes with Anchor Point Ministry. Hope from the Well is heard at 8:15 a.m. each Thursday on WYXI Radio FM 94.5 or AM 1390 and **ONLINE**





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Monday's Market Report

U.S. stocks finished sharply lower, as markets continued to process rising interest rates and the U.S. government shutdown. Corporate and economic news were light, U.S. Treasuries were higher, and yields fell. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 653 points or 2.9% to 21,792. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 66 points or 2.7% to 2,351, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 140 points or 2.2% to 6,193.

FULL CIRCLE DEDICATES MOBILE UNIT

Full Circle Women's Medical Services recently dedicated their mobile unit. The mobile unit travels to different locations to give women an opportunity to view an ultrasound image of their unborn baby. Pastor Ray Luck is shown in the driver's seat praying for the new mobile unit.



(Photo from Full Circle)

November Home Sales

Tennessee Valley Appraisal Services reports there were 46 sales of single family homes in McMinn County in November. A sampling is listed below: tvasinc.com

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County Rd 712, Athens -	\$435,000
Highway 307, Athens -	\$432,750
Highway 163, Riceville -	\$320,000
County Rd 609, Etowah -	\$272,900
County Rd 520, Englewood -	\$265,000
County Rd 478, Englewood -	\$245,000
County Rd 446, Athens -	\$245,000
County Rd 675, Athens -	\$239,000
Highway 39W, Athens -	\$227,000
County Rd 700, Riceville -	\$217,900
W. Madison Ave., Athens -	\$189,900
Fyke Drive, Athens -	\$185,000
County Rd 319, Niota -	\$184,500
County Rd 250, Niota -	\$170,000
Tennessee Ave., Athens -	\$170,000
Long Mill Rd, Athens -	\$170,000
Oak St., Athens -	\$169,900
County Rd 250, Niota -	\$156,850
N. Niota Rd., Englewood -	\$148,000
John J. Duncan Parkway, Athens-	\$145,000
County Rd 262, Niota -	\$145,000
Texas Ave., Etowah -	\$139,900
County Rd 115, Athens -	\$135,000
County Rd 456, Athens -	\$134,000

