The Jimmy Liner Memorial Christmas Parade was held in Downtown Athens Monday night. Here are the float winners:

Business/Industrial: 1) Keller Williams 2) Starr Regional Medical Center

Civic Clubs/Organizations: 1) Girl Scout Troop 40803 2) Boy Scout Troop 98

Churches: 1) East Athens Baptist Church 2) Zion Hill Baptist

Coming up:
The Etowah Christmas Parade will be this Thursday at 7 p.m. in Downtown Etowah.

The Englewood Parade will be this Friday, Dec. 6th, at 6:30 p.m. in Downtown Englewood.

The Niota Christmas Parade will be this coming Saturday, December 7th, at 2 p.m. The rain date will be Sunday, Dec. 8th, at 2 p.m., Rain or Shine. The 200th Year Celebration theme is “Through the Years.”

The Decatur Christmas Parade will be Sunday, Dec. 8, at 3 p.m.

While we may still knock on wood or throw spilled salt over our shoulders, fewer and fewer of the old country superstitions and cures remain.

It has become hard to find an aged woman in McMinn County who can charm away a wart in the 21st century, nor do we immediately suspect witchcraft if our gardens don’t produce or a gun doesn’t shoot straight. Fewer still are the mothers who believe unless her baby rolls off a bed it won’t survive to be a year old, or curing a nosebleed by looking into a glass of water, or curing hick -ups by spitting on a rock before turning it over. Few today would plant their gardens according to the signs of the moon, or would consider cats to steal babies breath, nor fear that a bird in the house foretold a coming death, nor an unexplained shiver meant someone was walking over your future grave.

We are modern and educated, with little time for such concerns as our grandparents did. But to them such concerns and observances were a way of enriching and explaining their lives and the world around them.

(Joe Guy is the McMinn County Historian. He originally prepared these History Moments for broadcast on WYXI Radio. They are currently aired several times each day on FM 94.5 and AM 1390)
Edith Roach Redmon, age 93, of Meigs County, died Monday at her home. She retired from Duracell after 20 years. A Remembrance of Life service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Good Hope Baptist Church in Decatur, with visitation from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church. Jim Rush Funeral and Cremation Service of Cleveland is in charge.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- The Etowah Chamber of Commerce event “Good Morning Etowah” will be this Friday, Dec. 6th, from 8 to 9 a.m. at Capstar Bank, on Tennessee Ave. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Capstar’s Etowah Branch will have a Holiday Open House and a free Etowah Community Appreciation Lunch.
- The 2nd Annual “Light Up Etowah” contest will be held on December 11th. Judging will involve both commercial and residential categories. Put up your best Christmas lights and decorations. All applications to enter the contest must be submitted to Etowah City Hall by this Friday, Dec. 6th.
- The McMinn County Advanced Drama Troupe will perform “What Christmas Meant to Me” this Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m. at the MCHS auditorium. Admission is a new, unwrapped toy.
- Allyson Kirkland with the Etowah Arts Commission will be a guest on WYXI RADIO this morning at 10:30 to discuss the Etowah Tour of Homes with Bob Ketchersid. (See ad below) To hear the interview tune to AM-1390 or FM-94.5.

If you were in Downtown Athens Monday night for the Christmas Parade, you witnessed a first; 200th birthday fireworks over the Courthouse. Bruce and Chris Hari sent us this photo.