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Friday, December 22, 2023

Athens, Tennessee

### **TWU Grill Chef Honored**

Brenda Roberts was honored by The Optimist Club of Athens for her caring service as a grill chef at the TWU Cafete-Brenda has served students and guests for 16 years. Before that she served at the Bowater cafeteria for 22 years. Brenda "Brings Out the Best" in all she serves. Photo submitted by Optimist Club of Athens.



## **Angel Tree Program**

Tennessee Valley Federal Credit Union (TVFCU) members and employees worked together to provide holiday gift bags for 182 children and senior adults this year through The Salvation Army Angel Tree program, and an estimated 225 additional gifts through various other programs within Tennessee and Northwest Georgia. "This has been one of our biggest years for Angel Tree - we had over 4,000 people signed up," said Kendall Hudson, Major Gifts Manager at the Chattanooga Salvation Army. "TVFCU adopted the most angels of any organization, and we cannot express how grateful we are for that." Since 2006, TVF-CU has hosted an employee food auction the day before Thanksgiving to raise funds for The Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program. The auction, which includes a variety of homemade dishes and desserts, raised \$10,161, which was \$770 more than the previous year and enough to adopt 53 Angels. Ten credit union branches housed Angel Trees for The Salvation Army's Chattanooga and Cleveland divisions. Six more TVFCU branches supported other holiday initiatives, including the Stocking Full of Love Program for both Catoosa County Sheriff's Office and Walker County Sheriff's Office, Christmas for Kids through Marion County Sheriff's Department, McMinn County Rescue Squad Continued on Page 2

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## **Obituaries**

- Ana Rinehart Howard, age 83, passed away on Wednesday, December 20 at Life Care Center of Athens. Family and friends are invited to attend the graveside service which will be held at 11:00 AM today, Friday, December 22nd at Oak Grove Cemetery in Riceville. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- Johnny "Lowell" Goforth, age 81, passed away on December 19. He loved the Lord and encouraged his friends and family to humbly seek the Lord! He wanted all his loved ones to join him in his eternal home! Visitation will be at Idlewild Baptist Church from 11-12 Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> with the funeral at 12. Graveside services with military honors will follow in the church cemetery. Good Samaritan Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

#### **TODAY IS:**

- National Date Nut Bread Day
- Forefathers Day (Unless On Sunday, Then Following Monday)

## **Church News and Events**

-Lane's Chapel A.M.E Zion Church, 904 Co Rd 264 Niota, and Pastor Hugh Dixson will have their Annual Christmas Program December 24, 2023 at 5:00 PM. Everyone is invited to come.

-Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

- Celebrate Recovery meets at the following churches: The Englewood Church of God every Sunday at 6 p.m. and Woodward Avenue Church of God every Tuesday at 6 p.m.
-Mars Hill Presbyterian Church (205 North Jackson Street) is spon-

-Mars Hill Presbyterian Church (205 North Jackson Street) is sponsoring a free children's playgroup on Mondays, 9-11 a.m. for ages 0-5. For additional information, contact the Church Office (423-745-1403) or Mary Ann Reed (910-200-2905).

#### **Angel Tree Program Continued**

Continued from Page 1: and Toys & Coats for Kids through Rhea County Sheriff's Department. "Every year, our Angel Tree and Season of Giving initiatives light up the holiday season at TVFCU, becoming a source of excitement for both our branch employees and members," said Jeff Holley, Branch Director at TVFCU. "These initiatives go beyond gifts; they're a way for us to extend a helping hand to communities in our area." Although Angel Tree is finished for 2023, interested individuals can still support the vital programs that The Salvation Army hosts all year; they accept donations at <a href="mailto:csarmy.org">csarmy.org</a>. TVFCU plans to continue this holiday tradition in 2024 and encourages the entire community to visit their local branch to participate in November/December next year. For more information about TVFCU, visit tvfcu.com.

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