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State & Local News

◆ NIGHT OF THE LIONS CONCERT

The Athens Lions Club will present "A Night of the Lions Christmas Concert" this Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Athens City Middle School. The concert will feature music by Nashville's David Ask and pianist Kim Deardorff, Tina Jenkins, and September Song. A group of dancers from the Inspirations Dance Studio will also perform. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. Proceeds will go toward Lions Club projects, including another RAM (Remote Area Medical) Clinic in Athens in the summer of 2019.

◆ RESTROOMS CLOSE FOR THE WINTER

The Athens Parks and Recreation Department announces that the park restrooms at Prof Powers Park, Heritage Park, Cook Park, and Fisher Field are now closed for the winter. Those restrooms are not heated and are subject to freezing. The trail head restroom, the playground restroom, the lake pavilion, and the concession stand restrooms at Regional Park will remain open throughout the winter. A portable restroom will be available at Prof Powers, Ingle side, and Heritage Parks until spring.

National & World News

◆ The Skirball brush fire that caused residents of Los Angeles' affluent Bel-Air neighborhood to flee their multimillion-dollar mansions last week was sparked by an illegal cooking fire. The fire started at an encampment under Interstate 405 and Sepulveda Boulevard in Long Beach, then spread by arid landscapes and Santa Ana winds, which also fueled five other fires throughout the state last week. No arrests have been made.

◆ Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas will not meet with U.S. Vice President Mike Pence during his upcoming trip to the Middle East because of the Trump administration's decision to acknowledge Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The next Athens Area Chamber of Commerce "Business Before Hours" event will be Thursday, Dec. 14th, at 8 a.m. at Crye-Leike Realtors, 580 South Congress Parkway, Athens.
- ✓ Nominations are now being accepted for the McMinn County 2017 "Mother of the Year." Nomination forms and guidelines can be picked up at the Athens Chamber of Commerce Office in the basement of the McMinn County Courthouse.



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Obituaries

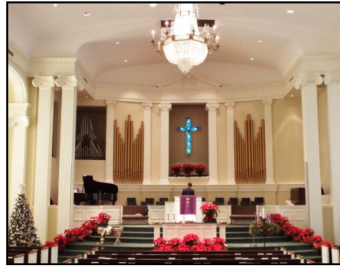
♦ Roger Eaves, age 76, of Athens, died last Friday. A private graveside service will be held at a later date. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks closed higher. Energy and tech stocks were among the best performers in the stock market.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 120 points to 24,506. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 4 points to 2,665, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 13 points to 6,862.

ETOWAH CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Etowah Thursday Music Study Club and the Etowah Chamber of Commerce will present the 13th Etowah Community Christmas Concert Thursday, Dec. 14th, at First Baptist Church of Etowah at 7 p.m. The concert will feature the Etowah Town Band, Central High's Show Choir, "Central Harmony," and the Wesley After School Program (WASP) Choir. As you can see, the sanctuary has been beautifully decorated for Christmas.



Interact Club to Wrap Gifts

The Interact Club of McMinn Central High School will help you prepare for Christmas by providing free wrapping service at the L&N Depot. Call 263-2228 for more details. The photo below shows club members busy wrapping.

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