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Wednesday, December 27, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ ATHENS CITY NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

In observance of New Years, the Athens Municipal Building, Public Works, Recycle Center, and Animal Shelter will be closed on Monday, January 1st, 2018. Those offices will re-open on January 2nd during regular business hours. The residential garbage routes will be as follows: The Monday, January 1st, route will be picked up on Tuesday, January 2nd. All other routes will be on the regular schedule.

◆ PROPERTY TAX DEADLINE APPROACHES

If you want to pay your City of Athens property taxes before the end of the calendar year for income tax purposes, remember the taxes must be paid prior to 5 p.m. this Friday, December 29th, or postmarked prior to midnight on December 31st, 2017.

◆ APD TARGETING IMPAIRED DRIVERS

Through the end of the year, the Athens Police Department is partnering with the Tennessee Highway Patrol to increase enforcement of impaired driving. Officers will be paying special attention in an attempt to remove impaired drivers from the roadways. Police will be looking for traffic violations that are specific indicators of possible intoxicated drivers. Drivers need to be aware that the consequences of a single DUI conviction for a first-time offender in Tennessee may include costly fines, court costs, legal fees, jail time, and mandatory drug and alcohol treatment.

National & World News

◆ Snow continues to fall in some areas of the United States after record-breaking accumulations on Christmas Day. Western New York state is bracing for a total of up to 5 feet of snow, with a major blast of cold hitting from the Rockies to the Northeast.

◆ On Sunday, Iraqi Christians gathered in Saint Paul's Cathedral in eastern Mosul to celebrate Christmas Eve there for the first time since ISIS took control of the city more than three years ago.

◆ French officials rescued 150 skiers after a ski lift broke down at a resort in the French Alps on Sunday.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The McMinn Senior Activity Center will be offering a Pottery Class using ancient techniques on January 11th at 10 a.m. The class is for anyone in the community 18 and up. All supplies and instruction for the classes will be free to senior citizens (60+). Non-seniors will be charged \$5.00 For more information, call 745-6830.

✓ The E.G. Fisher Public Library will host a Teen Yule Ball this Thursday, December 28th, at 6 p.m. Put on your dress robes and get ready to ring in the New Year Hogwart's style. Teens ages 12-18 are invited to attend a night of dancing, games, and Harry Potter trivia. Call 745-7782 for information.



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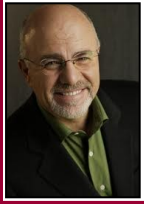
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Wednesday night - Partly cloudy. Low around 19.
Thursday - Mostly sunny. High near 41.
Thursday Night- Partly cloudy. Low around 22.
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Obituaries

- ♦ **Clinton Timothy Wilson**, age 85, died December 22nd at Spartanburg Regional Hospital in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He was a native of Athens, a veteran of the Korean War, and retired from Bowater. After retiring, he drove many miles delivering meals for Mobile Meals. Funeral services will be 7 p.m. Wednesday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Susan H. Lee ("Nanny")**, of Cleveland, died Saturday at her home. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church on County Road 100, Athens, followed by a celebration of life service. Companion Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.
- ♦ **Leisha Jane Mobley**, age 56, of Madisonville, died Christmas night. A memorial service is being planned for a later date. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks closed mostly lower. Information technology was the worst-performing sector in the S&P 500, while energy stocks posted the largest gains. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 8 points or 0.0% to 24,746. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 3 points or 0.1% to 2,681, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 24 points or 0.3% to 6,936.

Job Center Officially Reopens

A ribbon cutting was held recently for the American Job Center of Athens at 410 Congress Parkway N. The Job Center was restored after suffering fire damage. Joining the celebration (not in order) were: Edward Goodman, Lisa Harrison, Trent Prock (Career Services Manager), Lisa Geren, Cheryl Bressler, Dick Pelley, Darlene White and Casey Eschette (Career Services Coordinators), Stewart Smith and Barbara Brakebill (TCAT/Career Services Providers), Helen Conar, Allison Barger (Operations Manager), Beth Keylon, Cindy Gilreath (Career Services Coordinator), Virginia Housley (Dept. of Labor), State Rep. John Forgety, Darrell Perkins, Stefanie West, Bud Parks, Beth Jones, Rich Wade, Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Athens City Manager C. Seth Sumner, Autumn Derrick, Kavitha Reddy, Scott Cass, Cheryl Ingram, Mark Cochran, Kathy Price, Maxine Gernert, Dana Ferguson, and Anissa Ingram. (Photo by Kay Simmons, Athens Chamber of Commerce)



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523 Tennessee Avenue in Etowah

Following 14 years of service at AFCB
and 50 years in the local banking industry,
Helen is retiring on January 2.

The community is invited to stop by for refreshments and to bid congratulations and best wishes to Helen on this important milestone.

TODAY IN HISTORY - DECEMBER 27TH

1822 - French scientist Louis Pasteur was born. He invented the process of pasteurization to preserve milk and other foods.

1845 - Dr. Crawford Williamson Long used anesthesia for childbirth for the first time, when he delivered his own child in Jefferson, Georgia.

1900 - Carrie Nation staged her first raid on a saloon at the Carey Hotel in Wichita, Kansas. She broke every one of the liquor bottles in sight. Nation usually did her damage with a hatchet; calling her vandalism, hatchetation.

1927 - The Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein II musical, "Show Boat" debuted in New York City. Its star, Helen Morgan, received excellent reviews from critics of the show, a musical about riverboat show people and their romances and disappointments.

1947 - "Hey kids... What time is it? It's Howdy Doody time!" Buffalo Bob (Smith), Clarabelle the Clown (Bob Keeshan), Judy Canova and a host of others joined "Howdy Doody" for the show's debut on NBC-TV. The show stayed on the air for 13 years.