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Today's News... This Morning

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Friday, December 20, 2019 Athens, Tennessee

Athens Holiday Schedule

The Athens Municipal Building, Public Works, Recycle Center, and Animal Shelter will be closed next Tuesday and Wednesday in observance of Christmas. They will re-open on Thursday. As for residential garbage, Monday and Tuesday's garbage will be picked up on Monday, Dec. 23rd. Wednesday's garbage will be collected on Thursday, and the Thursday and Friday route will be picked up on Friday, Dec. 27th.

TDOT DELAYS HIGHWAY 30 OPENING

TDOT has announced another delay for the completion date of the construction work that has tied up traffic on Highway 30 on the east side of Athens for almost 2 years. Last year, TDOT said the project would be finished by this coming April. Now, they have announced that June is the tentative completion date.

The Gem Players Presents a Merry TubaChristmas FREE Concert @ the Gem Theater, Etowah - Sat., Dec. 21st @ 7pm
If you wish to perform contact EtowahTubaChristmas@gmail.com or call 423-920-4700. Featuring local musicians - Tubas, Euphoniums, Baritone, & Sousaphones.

Community News You Can Use

✓ Drive carefully during this holiday season. Recently, there was an overturned car on the Mt. Verd Road and a semi tractor-trailer truck blocked traffic on Velma Road for a while. Bree Cullen sent us the photo of the overturned car. We were told no one was injured. The picture of the truck blocking the road was submitted by Micah Bush.



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Obituaries

♦ **Linda Branum McGill**, age 78, of Athens, died Thursday at her home. Arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens.

♦ **Mary Ella Tallent**, age 86, of Englewood, died Tuesday at Athens Place. A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from noon to 2 p.m. prior to the service.

♦ **Joe Henry Harris**, age 76, of Athens, died Thursday at NHC of Athens. He had worked as a farm hand. Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation beginning at 5 p.m.

◆ SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN!

Santa has made his list and now he is out checking it twice. The Athens Parks Department and the Athens Fire Department has again made arrangements for Santa Claus to visit the children of Athens, right before his official Christmas Eve visit. Santa will be visiting the neighborhoods around Ingleside Avenue, South Jackson, Highway 30 and Highway 11 on Sunday from 5 to 9 p.m. He will visit the North City and City Park neighborhoods on Monday from 5 to 9. The Athens Fire Department will escort Santa around the city in a white pickup truck with red lights.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Gem Players of Etowah is hosting a *Merry Tuba Christmas* this Saturday, December 21st at the Gem Theater. The free concert starts at 7 p.m. and is with permission from the Harvey Phillips Foundation.

Church News & Events

- Union McMinn Baptist Church at exit 56 in Niota is having a #Redeemed performance on December 22 at 6:30 p.m. and their Christmas Eve program will be at 6:30 p.m. on December 24th.

- The adult choir at Wesley Memorial UMC in Etowah will present a Christmas cantata titled "Christmas Grace" this Sunday at 11 a.m. The church is located at 923 Ohio Ave.

- Voice of Deliverance Ministry Church of God in Christ will have a Christmas Dinner this Sunday at 1 p.m.

- Jones Chapel UMC at 590 CR 778 in the Claxton Community will present the Christmas play, "Gulligan's Island," this Sunday at 6 p.m.

- Athens First Baptist Church will have a Christmas Eve Service at 5 p.m.

- Mars Hill Presbyterian invites you to join them at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday for a candlelight Christmas Eve service with Holy Communion.

- St. Paul's United Methodist in Etowah will have an Appalachian Candlelight Christmas Eve service at 6 p.m. featuring Don and Donna Mohl of Folk Mountain Gospel.

- Lane's Chapel in Niota will have their annual Christmas Program at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24th.

- Boyd Memorial Church of God will present their annual Christmas Play on Saturday, December 21st at 6 p.m. The title of the Play is "Believe."

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