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Today's News... This Morning

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16th Annual
Etowah Community
Christmas Concert



VIRTUAL
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Tuesday, Dec. 22nd 7 pm

FEATURING
Etowah Town Band
Instrumental Ensembles

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

✓ Friendly Fellow Club food baskets will be distributed from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. today at 2115 Redfern Drive, located off North Congress Parkway behind Dooley Tractor in the building across the street from American Bedding. Applicants are asked to bring the yellow copy of their application at that time for verification when picking up their box.

✓ The City of Athens announces the following closings for the Christmas holiday. The Municipal Building, Public Works, Recycle Center, and Animal Shelter will be closed Thursday and Friday. The Recycle Center will re-open on Saturday. Residential garbage collections for Thursday, Dec. 24th, will be picked up on Monday, December 28th. Garbage collections for Friday, December 25th, will be picked up on Tuesday, December 29th. All emergency services will operate on a 24-hour basis.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE MONDAY P.M.

Tennessee: 529,578 cases, up 9,891. 6,136 deaths, up 65.

COUNTY	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	3,977 up 78	3,195	722	60
Meigs	858 up 18	638	206	14
Monroe	3,402 up 74	2,681	670	51
Polk	1,041 up 19	822	204	15
Bradley	8,209 up 149	6,624	1,524	61 up 1
Rhea	2,835 up 72	2,149	642	44

Governor Issues New Restrictions

Governor Bill Lee has announced new social gathering restrictions while still refusing to implement a mask mandate. The governor calls Tennessee "ground zero" in the COVID-19 battle. He's urging Tennesseans not to gather with people outside their immediate households during the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Instead of a mask mandate, the governor signed an executive order limiting public gatherings to 10 people. However, places of worship, weddings, and funerals are exempt. He did encourage Houses of Worship to utilize virtual or online services and gatherings. He also encouraged weddings and funerals to be postponed or attended only by close family members. The governor's executive order continues through January 19th, 2021.

Meantime, the president of the Tennessee Medical Association says the governor should have ordered a statewide mask mandate due to the increasing COVID-19 crisis. Dr. M. Kevin Smith says the physicians have consistently recommended that mask requirement orders be issued in all counties with over 10 new cases per 100,000 population per day. He says the best county in Tennessee at present has over 80 new cases per 100,000 population per day over the past seven days.

Tennessee Health Commissioner Dr. Lisa Piercey says a Christmas surge of COVID-19 cases "will completely break our hospitals." Dr. Piercey says many hospitals still have capacity for COVID patients, but the critical need is for nurses.

RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



BOGO: Purchase a \$25.00 Gift Card and get a \$5.00 Gift Card Free!!
 Closing at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve and closed Christmas Day.
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Famous Chicken 'n Biscuits

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Merry Christmas! & Happy New Year

We will be closed December 21 - January 1, 2020! REOPEN January 4 REGULAR HOURS. We hope you and your family have a Merry Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. The year 2020 has brought about chaos and challenging times for many of us. May we take time to reflect on Jesus the real reason for the season! He is our true help and comforter in times like these. Thank you to ALL of our customers for your business in 2020. It is greatly appreciated! We look forward to serving you in 2021! We are here to serve and help you in any way that we can with your home or business exterior needs. Our prayer for each person is that God blesses and prospers you greatly in 2021!



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Obituaries

♦ **Susan Lynn Meredith Repkie**, died Thursday, December 17th, at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. No formal visitation or service is planned at this time. Smith Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

♦ **Evelyn Sue Roberts**, age 92, of Athens, died Friday, December 18th, at Life Care Center of Athens. No service will be held at this time because of the pandemic. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services is in charge of the arrangements.

♦ **Rev. Sherman "Kenny" Stokes**, age 68, of Athens, died last Friday at Starr Regional Health and Rehab in Etowah. He retired from Shaw Industries after 41 years. He had been a minister for 45 years. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 3 to 6 p.m.

♦ **Horace Edgar Fezell**, age 96, of Athens, died Wednesday, December 16th. He served in WWII in the 390th Bomb Group of the 8th U.S. Army Air Force. He was shot down over Germany and spent time as a Prisoner of War. Later, he flew as a flight engineer with numerous airlines for 36 years. A graveside service will be Monday at 11 a.m. in McMinn Memory Gardens with military honors. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Martha Amelia Bernice Raper Ingram**, age 88, of Englewood, died Saturday, December 19th, at her home. A graveside service will be at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday at McMinn Memory Gardens with visitation from noon until 1 p.m. at Serenity of Etowah.

Another Mystery Photo

Steve Keylor was impressed by the photo of the cooling towers sticking above the clouds at Watts Bar Nuclear Plant that we published a couple of weeks ago. So he sent us a photo that he took. Can you guess what it is and where it was taken? The only clue is that it was taken in McMinn County. If you would like to venture a guess, just send us an email at wxyi@bellsouth.net



TODAY IN HISTORY - December 22nd

1808 - Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 in C minor, Op. 67, Symphony No. 6 in F major, Op. 68, and Piano Concerto No. 4 in G major, Op. 58, had their world premieres in Vienna, Austria.

1894 - French army officer Alfred Dreyfus was convicted of treason in a court-martial that triggered worldwide charges of anti-Semitism. (Dreyfus was eventually vindicated.)

1941 - British Prime Minister Winston Churchill arrived in Washington for a wartime conference with President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

1944 - During the World War II Battle of the Bulge, U.S. Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe rejected a German demand for surrender, writing "Nuts!" in his official reply.

1968 - Julie Nixon married David Eisenhower in a private ceremony in New York.

1989 - Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, the last of Eastern Europe's hard-line Communist rulers, was toppled from power in a popular uprising. Playwright Samuel Beckett died in Paris at age 83.

1991 - The body of Marine Lt. Col. William R. Higgins, an American hostage slain by his terrorist captors, was recovered after it had been dumped along a highway in Lebanon.

1992 - A Libyan Boeing 727 jetliner crashed after a midair collision with a MiG fighter, killing all 157 aboard the jetliner, and both crew members of the fighter jet.

2001 - Richard C. Reid, a passenger on an American Airlines flight from Paris to Miami, tried to ignite explosives in his shoes, but was subdued by flight attendants and fellow passengers. (Reid is serving a life sentence in federal prison.) Hamid Karzai (HAH'-mihd KAHR'-ze-ye) was sworn in as prime minister of Afghanistan's interim government.

2008 - Five Muslim immigrants accused of scheming to massacre U.S. soldiers at Fort Dix were convicted of conspiracy in Camden, N.J. (Four were later sentenced to life in prison; one received a 33-year sentence.)

2010 - President Barack Obama signed a law allowing homosexuals for the first time in history to serve openly in America's military, repealing the "don't ask, don't tell" policy of former President Bill Clinton.