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STATE AND LOCAL NEWS

◆ MCHS STUDENT TAKES GUN TO SCHOOL

A 17-year-old male student at McMinn High School reported to the faculty that another 17-year-old male student was armed with a handgun and had made vague threats Tuesday. School staff investigated but found nothing. The subject then left school and McMinn Sheriff's officers went to his home at a nearby apartment complex. A handgun was given by the boy's father to the officers. Sheriff Joe Guy said that the handgun at the student's residence did match the description given to the faculty and school video shows the suspect pulling up his shirt with something visible underneath. The suspect was taken into custody for questioning and will face charges in juvenile court.

◆ NEW JOB FOR STATE SENATOR BUNCH

Outgoing State Senator Dewayne Bunch of Cleveland has a new job. Bunch, who is a McMinn County native, has been appointed as an administrative law judge by Secretary of State Tre Hargett. Bunch has been on the payroll since December 1st and will receive a salary of nearly \$98,000 per year. As an administrative law judge, Bunch will conduct contested case hearings for state administrative agencies. Bunch served eight years in the House and four in the Senate before deciding not to run for re-election.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ The Senate held a final debate Tuesday night on a bill to extend Bush-era income tax cuts. The final vote in the Senate will take place today on the \$858-billion measure.

◆ A British judge granted bail to WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange on Tuesday after several supporters, including filmmaker Michael Moore, promised to post a \$380,000 bail. However, Assange remains in jail pending the outcome of an appeal by Swedish authorities. If he is released, Assange will have to wear an electronic bracelet, live at a registered address, and report to police each evening and observe two four-hour curfews each day.

◆ Retail sales rose for a 5th straight month in November, suggesting a strong holiday shopping season and raising hopes that consumers will boost the economy in the coming months. Wall Street reacted positively. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 11,476.54; up 47.98 points.

◆ The federal government has sued a suburban Chicago school district for denying a Muslim school teacher unpaid leave to make a pilgrimage to Mecca as part of her religious practices.

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Filling the Spa For the Kids

The staff and employees of Dynasty Spas and members of the McMinn County Rescue Squad say a big "thank you" to everyone who donated a toy for Christmas. There were enough toys to fill the truck. The photo below shows a spa filled with toys which will brighten up Christmas for needy children in the area. Shown, L-R: Sam Natter, Jackie Bobich, Macy Bobich, Harold Eaton, Josh Deans, Carol Goca, Rhonda Coulter, Kimberly Harris, & Rick Vanderpool.



Obituaries

Pauline Crockett Melton, age 95, of Etowah died Monday at Etowah Health Care Center. She worked at Johnson's Department Store in Etowah for many years. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Niota City Commission will have a special called meeting at 1 p.m. today at the Niota Municipal Building to vote on a resolution to opt back into the state's building and energy codes program.
- ✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce's monthly "Business After Hours" will be this Thursday, Dec. 16, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at BB&T Bank, 204 West Washington Avenue.
- ✓ The McMinn Regional Humane Society will have an Adoptathon in the Ingles Shopping Center this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ✓ The Athens Area Community Choir will present its holiday concert, "A Gospel Christmas," this Saturday at 7 p.m. at Athens Junior High School. Admission is free. However, a love offering will be taken to help cover the costs of the production.
- ✓ The Optimist Club of Athens will be selling the Friendly Fellows edition of the DPA this Saturday morning at Belks Plaza, the K-Mart, and Hardees downtown & Congress Parkway. All donations go to help purchase food baskets for the needy.

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WEATHER

Wednesday - Increasing clouds. 40% snow, sleet, freezing rain. High-34.

Wednesday night - 70% snow, sleet, freezing rain. Low-32. Accumulation of 1".
More wx at: www.wyxi.com

TODAY IN HISTORY - December 15

- 37 A.D.** - The Roman Emperor Nero was born.
- 1791** - The Bill of Rights took effect after ratification by the state of Virginia. The Bill of Rights consists of the first 10 Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.
- 1832** - French engineer Alexandre Eiffel was born. He built the tower that bears his name in Paris and also engineered the Statue of Liberty.
- 1944** - Legendary bandleader Glenn Miller died in a plane crash in the English Channel. Miller had boarded the plane in England to fly to Paris to entertain allied forces. The plane may have been brought down by shockwaves from bombs jettisoned in the Channel by a squadron of British bombers.
- 1966** - Movie producer Walt Disney died at age 65.
- 2004** - American telecommunications giants Sprint Corp. and Nextel Communications Inc. announced they would merge in a \$35 billion deal.



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