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Friday-December 17, 2010

Athens, Tennessee

LOCAL & AREA NEWS

◆ SLICK ROADS KEEP POLICE BUSY

McMinn County deputies and Tennessee Highway Patrol officers had their hands full with the ice-covered roads in the county Wednesday night and Thursday morning. Dispatchers were notified of nearly 30 traffic accidents. Many motorists simply abandoned their vehicles when they slid off the road or were unable to climb up or down hills. At one point, drivers were told just to leave their vehicles on the side of the road and go home and call the Sheriff's Office later. The biggest problems were on County Road 100 and County Road 608. Deputy Chad Bogle was treated at Athens Regional Medical Center after he slipped on the ice and struck his head while handling a wreck on County Road 100. Roads were so slick that ambulances and wreckers had trouble getting to calls on some of the roads.

CORRECTIONS: In Thursday's Morning Fax, we got the first name of the new Etowah City Manager wrong. His name is Matthew Gravley, not Mike.

Also in Thursday's Morning Fax, we reported there was a robbery Tuesday night at the Dollar Store in Niota. That was erroneous. The Dollar Store was not robbed. However, there was a robbery at the Marathon station on Cong. Parkway in Athens.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Funding for the federal government expires over the weekend, and Democrats are trying to enact a pork barrel-stuffed spending measure before conservatives take over the House in January.

◆ WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange has been released from jail in London after a judge granted him bail. He's wanted in Sweden for questioning about sex-crimes allegations. He is taking up residence in a British country mansion where he will have to observe a curfew and wear a monitoring device.

◆ U.S. stocks were modestly higher Thursday after shipping giant FedEx raised its forecast for the year after unexpectedly strong holiday volume. The Labor Department also reported a further decline in the number of people applying for unemployment benefits. The Dow Jones industrial average closed at 11,499.25, up 41.78 points.

◆ Attorneys for 20 states have told a Florida judge that the new federal health care law will expand the government's powers in dangerous and unintended ways. The states want the judge to issue a summary judgment dismissing the health care law without a full trial.

◆ The Internal Revenue Service increased the number of returns it audited this year by nearly 11%. Wealthy taxpayers and big businesses were the ones most likely examined.

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INDOOR ADOPTION EVENT

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Who's New In Pink & Blue?

Cole Shadden West was born December 14th at Athens Regional Medical Center. He weighed 9 pounds and 13 ounces and was 22 inches long. His parents are Carol and Kimsey West of Tellico Plains.

Mindy Grace Miller was born December 12th at ARMC. She weighed 6 pounds and 12 ounces and was 19¾ inches long. Her parents are Penny and Wes Miller of Athens.

Obituaries

Elda McSpadden Walker, age 96, of Athens died Wednesday at Athens Regional Medical Center. She was a former resident of Bowling Green, Kentucky and was retired from Western Kentucky University. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m.

Alice Beccue Davis, age 84, of Riceville died Thursday at her home. A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Smith Funeral Home. There will be no formal visitation.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Riceville Fire Department will be having the annual Santa run this Saturday night, December 18th, starting at 5 p.m. Santa will be touring neighborhoods including Suburban Hills and Stone Crest. Santa will make a stop at the Valley Mart in Riceville around 9 p.m.

Church News & Events

~ The Adult Choir and Orchestra at First Baptist Church of Athens presents its Christmas Cantata "Fear Not" this Sunday at 10:45 a.m. Everyone is invited.

~ The Sanctuary Choir at East Athens Baptist Church presents "God's Great Love" this Sunday at 11:45 a.m. & 7 p.m.

~ The Chancel Choir of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church of Etowah will present the musical "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" this Sunday at 11 a.m.

~ New Bethel Baptist Church, Etowah, will host Chris Smith, the One Man Quartet, this Sunday at 11 a.m. Chris was formerly with the Inspirations. The church is located on County Road 791.

~ Women at the Well Ministries will be conducting the service at Freedom Baptist Church in Athens this Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

~ The men of Trinity United Methodist Church will have a Pancake Breakfast tomorrow at Applebee's from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. Elected officials will be "celebrity servers." Cost is \$5.

~ The local Gospel group New Paved Road won several awards at the GCGMA Music Association's 8th Annual Award Show last month in Dalton, Georgia. New Paved Road won awards for Vocal Group of the Year and CD of the Year. Members of the group won several individual awards.

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