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Today's News...This Morning

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Lee Rowe, McMinn County
National Dulcimer Champion



**Saturday, Jan. 4th
Noon-2pm**
Living Heritage
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Friday-January 3, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

LOCAL & AREA NEWS

◆ FATAL NEW YEAR'S CRASH IN POLK CO.

A Cleveland woman was killed in a traffic crash on U.S. Highway 411 in Polk County early New Year's morning. State troopers say Natasha Burchfield, 25, was traveling north on Highway 411 around 4:30 a.m. when her car ran off the left side of the road and rolled several times. She was ejected from the vehicle. She died at Erlanger Medical Center. Troopers say she was not wearing a seat belt. They say drugs or alcohol could be a factor in the crash.

◆ A FEW MORE OF 2013's TOP LOCAL STORIES

- The Athens Fire Department installed blue reflectors on city streets to mark the location of fire hydrants. The reflectors make it easier for firefighters to locate fire hydrants at night.

- A strange-looking white building which has come to be known as the "Hobbit House" was erected at the Athens Recycling Center on Rocky Mt. Road. Sod was placed on top of the building, covering the structure with grass. The building serves as the office for Keep McMinn Beautiful.

- Jessica Proffitt was named Executive Director of Keep McMinn Beautiful, replacing Joy Rymer.

REMINDER: The Christmas holiday is about over for children in the public schools in the area. Classes in the Athens City Schools, McMinn County Schools, and Etowah City School will resume next Tuesday, January 7th. Meigs County School students return to class next Wednesday, January 8th. Students at Fairview Christian Academy and Christ's Legacy Academy return to class next Monday, January 6th.

NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS

◆ Authorities have discovered a body in the ruins of a Minneapolis apartment fire. Investigators believe that natural gas was the potential cause of the explosion and blaze that left 14 other people injured on New Year's Day.

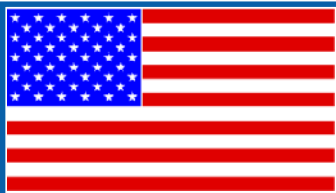
◆ Following a string of explosive accidents, federal officials say that crude oil being shipped by rail from the Northern Plains across the U.S. and Canada may be more flammable than traditional forms of oil. New safety rules and procedures are being formulated.

◆ The California Supreme Court unanimously decided to grant a law license to Sergio Garcia on Thursday. The irony is that Garcia has been living in the U.S. illegally for over 20 years. He attended law school and passed the state bar exam while working in a grocery store and harvesting crops on nearby farms.

◆ All 52 passengers trapped for more than a week on an ice-bound Russian research ship in the Antarctic were rescued Thursday when a Chinese helicopter swooped in and plucked them from the ice a dozen at a time. The scientists and crew were on a mission to study global warming.

◆ Wal-Mart Stores Inc. has recalled donkey meat sold at some outlets in China after tests showed the product contained the DNA of other animals. Wal-Mart says they will reimburse customers who thought they were getting donkey meat, but actually received fox meat.

◆ In South Jordan, Utah, an 11-year-old girl playing a game of "hide and seek" got stuck her family's washing machine.



• McMinn Co. T.E.A. Party Calendar

- Jan. 6 Open Meeting
 - Jan. 13 Don Charest, Self Defense Solutions
 - Jan. 20 Dr. Stansberry
 - Jan. 27 Van Irion, Candidate for Judge
- Meeting each Monday at 6 pm
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Church News & Events

- The Rev. Leuty McDermott, pastor of the Church of God Sanctified in Madisonville, will preach this Sunday at 4 p.m. at the Cooke Ministry Center on Walter Street in Athens. Everyone is welcome, and light refreshments will be served.
- Athens First Baptist Church will return to a single Sunday morning worship service beginning this Sunday. The service will be at 10:45 a.m. Starting January 19th, Athens First Baptist Church will be holding Sunday morning services at Athens City Middle School for approximately eight weeks due to construction work on the church building. Sunday School will be at 9:30 a.m. and the worship service will be at 10:45 a.m.
- Voice of Deliverance Church of God in Christ will hold a prophetic revival January 15th through 17th at 7:30 nightly. The speaker will be Superintendent James Summers from Atlanta. The church is located at 520 Old Riceville Road in Athens.

DID YOU KNOW?

1. A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
2. A crocodile cannot stick out its tongue.
3. A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time and equals 1/100th of a second.
4. "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt."
5. Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.

Obituaries

Randall L. Geren, age 67, of Decatur died this past Monday in a traffic crash in Bradley County. He had been a longtime teacher and coach in the area, and retired from Cleveland High School after 30 years of service. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Broad Street United Methodist Church in Cleveland. Ralph Buckner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Charlene Armstrong Scruggs, age 73, of Athens, died last Saturday at her home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Mount Olive AME Zion Church in Etowah with visitation beginning at 1:30 p.m. M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ National Dulcimer Champion Lee Rowe will kick off the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum's 2014 Heritage School with a concert from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free with a family membership. Heritage School will be held on Saturdays during 2014 and will provide traditional craft demonstrations and presentations for families or groups.
- ✓ Today is the last day to register for winter classes at the Arts Center of Athens. Call 745-8781 or visit the Arts Center at 320 North White Street for more information.
- ✓ A benefit will be held on Sunday, January 5th, for Izayah McCowan at Magic Scissors in Athens from 1 to 4 p.m. Proceeds will help pay for treatment for autism from a biomedical doctor in Atlanta.



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WEATHER

Friday - Mostly sunny. High-upper 20's to low 30's. North-east winds up to 15 m.p.h.
Friday night - Mostly clear. Low-near 18.
Sat. - Sunny and not quite as cold. High-mid to upper 40's. See our Zoom Radar at: www.wyxi.com

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