

11th Annual Community Christmas Concert

Thursday, Dec. 10th 7pm

1st Baptist Church, Etowah

Etowah Town Band

1st Baptist of Athens Handbell Choir

Instrumental Ensembles

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Local & State News

◆ TVA LOADS FUEL AT WATTS BAR

TVA says workers have completed the process of loading fuel for the new Unit 2 reactor at the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant. A total of 193 nuclear fuel rods have been put in place. They will power the first new U.S. nuclear plant to be brought on-line in nearly two decades. That plant was Watts Bar Unit 1, which began operation in 1996. TVA says everything is on schedule for Unit 2 to begin producing electricity in early 2016. Both Units 1 and 2 are capable of generating enough electricity to power 650,000 homes.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The 11th Annual Community Christmas Concert will take place tonight at 7 at First Baptist Church of Etowah. The free concert features the Etowah Town Band, the Athens First Baptist Handbell Choir, and instrumental ensembles. The concert is presented by the Thursday Music Study Club and the Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce.

✓ The Athens Area Council for the Arts announces Gospel Quilts: A Quilt Concert by Karen Malone, at The Arts center from January 5th - February 12th. Karen is a former music instructor who teaches piano and is Music Director at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ After Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel apologized for the city's police department fatally shooting Laquan McDonald, hundreds of protesters in the city's downtown area called for the mayor to resign.

◆ Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin "Bibi" Netanyahu, will meet with Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump despite the outcry over Trump's remarks that Muslims should be banned temporarily from entering the United States. The meeting is scheduled for December 28th.

ONE MORE PHOTO OF THE ATHENS CHRISTMAS PARADE, AS SANTA COMES TO TOWN



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ATHENS BOY WINS TITANS CONTEST

Andy Sullins of Athens won the 10-11 year old boys Titans Punt, Pass, and Kick contest sponsored by the NFL this past Sunday. This is Andy's third year competing in the contest. Previously, he won 2nd place in the 10-11 year old boys last year and 2nd place in the 8-9 year old boys in 2013. In order to compete at the NFL Team level, Andy first competed and won at the local and sectional levels. He competed in September at Athens City Middle School. Next, he won the Sectional Competition held in Chattanooga on November 8th. He then advanced to the Titans PPK competition. Contestants are allowed one punt, one pass, and one place kick. They are measured by distance and accuracy. Their punts, passes, and kicks must be straight on the hash marks or distance is deducted. (Photo by Amy Sullins)



Obituaries

- **Jessie Doyle "Jay" Brown**, age 81, of Decatur, died Tuesday. He worked as a dairy farmer. Funeral services will be Friday at 8 p.m. at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m.
- **James Stephens**, age 69, of Niota, died Tuesday at his home. He was born in Roswell, New Mexico and was a resident of McMinn County for most of his life. He was retired from Collins and Aikman. Funeral services will be Friday at 7 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

PROPERTY TAX REMINDER

If you plan to pay your City of Athens property taxes before the end of the calendar year for income tax purposes, remember the Municipal Building will be closed on Thursday, December 24th, and Friday, December 25th, in observance of the Christmas holiday. Only those property tax payments received prior to 5 p.m. on December 31st or postmarked prior to midnight on December 31st will be stamped paid for the 2015 calendar year.

The Gem Players presents their 5th annual
A Merry TubaChristmas, on Saturday, Dec. 12th at 7PM
at the Gem Theater in Etowah.

*This is a free holiday concert and is presented as a
"Thank You" to the community for their support during the year.*

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