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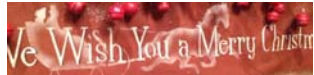
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Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ DENSE FOG CLOSES I-75 A SECOND TIME

For two days in a row, I-75 has been closed between mile markers 36 and 33 in McMinn and Bradley Counties. Wednesday morning, automatic gates were activated to block entrance to the Interstate. State Troopers diverted existing traffic off the Interstate. The dense fog this week is reminiscent of the worst traffic accident in the history of Tennessee, which occurred 25 years ago in the same place. That's when dense fog caused chain reaction crashes that killed 12 people and injured dozens. Almost 100 vehicles were involved in that crash. Morning Fax reader Bob Cantley sent us the photo.



◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for McMinn County's "2015 Mother of the Year." Nominations can be obtained at the Chamber office located at 13 North Jackson Street in Athens. The award will be presented at the Chamber's annual banquet. The nominations deadline is Jan. 11th.
- ✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library will have a children's Christmas Storytime next Monday, December 21st, at 1 p.m. Children will also be able to make their own Christmas decorations.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ The Navy will posthumously award Purple Hearts to the Sailor and four Marines killed in the Chattanooga mass shooting in July. The FBI & Navy determined the attack was inspired by a foreign terror organization. Another wounded Marine will also receive one.

◆ U.S. security officials are revamping the national alert system to warn the public about terrorism risks. They will begin issuing bulletins to inform people about threats from Islamic State and other militant groups. The bulletins are intended to describe current developments or general trends regarding threats of terrorism.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Volunteers are needed to pack boxes for the Friendly Fellow Club Christmas food box distribution. You should meet at the National Guard Armory at 6 p.m. next Monday, Dec. 21st, to pack the boxes. The food boxes will be picked up by eligible households on Tuesday, Dec. 22nd, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Armory.

CORRECTION: In Wednesday's Morning Fax, we reported that the McMinn and Meigs County schools would be having a full day of school this Friday. We are advised that they have decided to dismiss classes early on Friday for the holidays.



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TWC Holds Winter Graduation

Eighty-four students joined the ranks of Tennessee Wesleyan College alumni last Friday, December 11th, at their fourth Winter Commencement ceremony. Students received degrees in Master of Business Administration, Master of Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Music Education, and Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce Awards were presented to Travis Melton Newberry and Jill Melissa Howard for having the highest cumulative grade point averages. They are pictured below with TWC President Dr. Harley Knowles.

(Photo by Ben Finch)



Obituaries

- **David A. Hutsell**, age 88, of Englewood, died Tuesday at Life Care Center of Athens. He was self-employed in the silo business until his retirement. After retirement he was associated with the Shankle's BP in Athens. There will be no formal visitation or service. The family will have a private burial at a later date. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge.
- **Connie Mincy Ashenfelter**, age 61, of Decatur, died Monday. A memorial service was held Wednesday at First Baptist Church in Decatur.

WINTER SHELTER FOR HOMELESS

CRAM (Community Resource Agency of McMinn) is partnering with the Church of Jesus Christ at 1403 Hammerhill Road in Athens to provide winter sheltering for homeless people in the area. Priscilla Rutherford, Chair of CRAM, says there are several ways you could help. Volunteers are needed to help man the shelter. Men are needed for the overnight shifts and women mainly for the day shifts. She is looking for churches, civic groups, and individuals willing to provide meals between 5 and 6 p.m. Food items are needed for breakfast and lunch, such as cereal, milk, pancake mix, eggs, sausage, sandwich meat, bread, mustard, mayo, chips, soups, crackers and fruit. Rutherford also says she needs sleeping bags, bath towels, pillows, pillow cases, sheets, and personal hygiene supplies. If you would like to help, call her at 423-443-7675.



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