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Wednesday, December 23, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ VOLUNTEERS PACK CHRISTMAS BOXES

Christmas will be a lot merrier for the families who received Friendly Fellow Club Christmas food boxes this year. The boxes were distributed on Tuesday. Volunteers packed the boxes Monday night at the National Guard Armory. (Photo by Richard Newman)



◆ SANTA IS COMIN' TO ATHENS TOWN

Again this year, the Athens Fire Department will escort Santa around the city to scope out the territory before he makes his Christmas Eve journey. Santa will be riding in a white pickup truck with red lights. Wednesday, he visits the Ingleside Avenue and South Jackson Street areas from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday he will visit the North City and City Park areas from 5 to 9 p.m.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ The search continues for a Texas teen from a wealthy family who went missing after apparently breaking a probation deal that kept him out of prison for killing four people. Ethan Couch, 18, was convicted about two years ago in juvenile court for intoxication manslaughter. His mother, Tonya Couch, 48, has been declared missing and is believed to be with him.

◆ Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl deferred entering a plea against charges of desertion and misbehavior before the enemy. Bergdahl allegedly deserted his unit in 2009 and was then held captive by the Taliban in Afghanistan for five years. If convicted of misbehavior before the enemy, he could face a life sentence.

◆ NAMES NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS MEALS

✓ Theresa Phillips, organizer of the annual Englewood Community Christmas Dinner, still needs names of shut-ins around the area who would like to have Christmas dinner delivered to them. Theresa says they have a lot of food, and she doesn't want to see it go to waste. If you know any shut-ins who would like a Christmas meal, give Theresa a call at 506-9777. Also, anyone who faces the prospect of spending Christmas alone is invited to the dinner, which will start at 4 p.m. Christmas Day at the Englewood Fire Hall.

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DENSO Donates Tote Boxes

DENSO has donated approximately 400 tote boxes to the Athens elementary schools. Instead of recycling the pencil box sized totes, DENSO associates decided to donate about 80 boxes to each elementary school. The photo shows Denso associates and several students at Ingleside Elementary School with a couple of the tote boxes. The boxes were also donated to City Park, North City, and Westside Elementary schools.



(Photo by Erin Holbrook)

Obituaries

- **Pauline "Polly" Pierce**, age 92, of the Short Creek community near Athens, died Tuesday at Tennova Health Care in Cleveland. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- **Floyd "Tom" Sherman**, age 58, of Niota, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center. He had worked as a line technician for GM. A memorial service will be conducted at 3 p.m. Saturday at Marshall Hill Baptist Church. There will be no formal visitation. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.

CRASHES CAUSE PROBLEMS ON DECATUR PIKE

Athens police have been busy dealing with traffic crashes this week. Tuesday morning, there was a 3-vehicle wreck on Decatur Pike between Westside and Clark Street. That sent at least one person to the hospital. Monday afternoon, one person was injured in a collision on Decatur Pike at the entrance to the UGO Shopping Center. That wreck caused eastbound traffic to back up all the way to Captain D's. (Bob Cantley sent us this photo)



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WEATHER

Wednesday - 80% rain & t'storms in the afternoon. Highs around 70.
Wed. night - 80% rain & t'storms likely in the evening. Lows in the lower 60's.

Thursday - Mostly cloudy. 60% rain & t'storms in the morning. Highs in the lower 70's.
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