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Tuesday, November 22, 2016

Local & State News

◆ AUB WARNS OF PHONE SCAM

Athens Utilities Board is warning business owners and homeowners to be alert to a phone scam that's going around. AUB says a phone scam artist called two hotels in Athens this past weekend claiming to work for "the utility company" and threatening to disconnect power services unless immediate steps were made for payment. The call came from the phone number: 866-331-7157. The caller told each hotel manager that he must go to a local business and wire the money immediately to keep the power on. Neither hotel fell for the scam. When AUB's dispatcher called the 866 phone number, it was answered "customer service." When asked what company the worker represented, the answer was "the power company." When pressed further regarding which utility, the response was "the utility company for Tennessee." AUB says this is clearly a scam. AUB does not call customers demanding payment under threat of disconnection. If you receive such a call, you should hang up and call AUB at 745-4501 to verify the status of your account.

◆ ATHENS ANNOUNCES HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Athens Municipal Building and Public Works Department, the Recycling Center, and the Animal Shelter will be closed on Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving. The Recycling Center and Animal Shelter will re-open on Saturday. Residential garbage routes for Thursday will be picked up the following Monday. The route for Friday will be picked up the following Tuesday. All emergency services will continue to operate on a 24-hour basis.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ Police confirm that there were at least 6 fatalities in a school bus crash in Chattanooga. The driver, from Woodmore Elementary School, was being questioned after the bus apparently slammed into a tree. There were 35 kids on the bus ranging in age from kindergarten to 5th grade. Twenty-Three were hospitalized.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The McMinn County Highway Department will be closed Wednesday and Thursday in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- ✓ The Tennessee Highway Patrol is taking part in the I-40 Challenge. State troopers or local officers will be stationed every 20 miles long I-40 on Wednesday and again next Sunday in an effort to keep people safe while on the road during the Thanksgiving holiday.
- ✓ The McMinn County Rescue Squad is accepting applications for Rescue Christmas, the squad's annual toy giveaway to needy children in the area. Applications are being taken through November 30th at the Rescue Squad building on South Congress Parkway at Velma Road. To register, you need to bring your child's birth certificate, proof of residence, and proof of government assistance. For more information, call 745-6666.

Don't Miss the Savings!
Black Friday 9am-6pm
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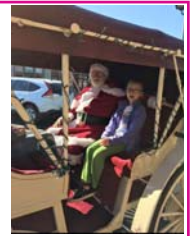
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Fire Destroys CR 353 House

The residence pictured below was fully involved in flames as firefighters arrived on the scene around 7:30 p.m. Sunday. The house is located on County Road 353. Volunteers responded from the Niota, Athens, and Englewood Rural Fire Departments, along with the Christianburg Fire Department in Monroe County. Niota Rural Fire Chief Lee Mason was in charge at the scene.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram with the Englewood Rural Fire Department)



Obituaries

- **Bobbie June Kennedy Thomas**, age 86, of Riceville, died Saturday at her home. She was a retired caregiver. Services were held Monday night. Burial will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at McMinn Memory Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- **Zelpha Jeanette Cox Goins**, age 59, of Athens, died last Friday at her home. There will be no formal visitation or service. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.
- **JessLynn Danielle Guffey**, infant daughter of Danny Guffey and Kayla Partain, died Sunday at Starr Regional Medical Center. Private graveside services will be held at Guffey-Shell Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

DANCING INTO CHRISTMAS

Dancers at the Armfield Dance Academy performed at the Old Fashioned Downtown Christmas this past Saturday. The photo shows 12-year-old Kendall Harrison of Sweetwater. The Armfield Dance Academy will be presenting "The Nutcracker" on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 4th, at 2:30 p.m. at Hiwassee College Performing Arts Center.



FOUR PEOPLE INJURED IN HWY 310 WRECK

The driver of the 1998 Toyota Camry shown below lost control and struck a tree around 5 p.m. Sunday afternoon on Highway 310. AMR transported one adult and three children to Starr Regional Medical Center. The Englewood Rural Fire Department also responded. The accident was investigated by the McMinn County Sheriff's Department.



(Photo by Lynn Ingram with the Englewood Rural Fire Department)

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