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STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ ATHENS CITY CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

In observation of Christmas, the Athens Municipal Building and the Public Works Department will be closed Friday and Monday, Dec. 22nd and 25th. The Recycling Center and Animal Shelter will also be closed Friday and Monday, but will be open on Saturday. The residential garbage routes will be as follows: Friday's route will be picked up today, Dec. 21st. Monday's route will be picked up on Tuesday, December 26th.

◆ ATHENS CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

In Wednesday's Morning Fax we reported that the ordinance to allow the sale of beer at special events in Downtown Athens passed on the first reading by a vote of 3 to 2. The two council members who voted no were John Coker and Vice Mayor Dick Pelley.

Athens Fire Chief Jim Dyer gave the report for fire department activity during November. Dyer reported that firefighters responded to 37 calls. Among those were one residential fire and one industrial fire. Losses for the month totaled \$13,500. Athens firefighters also responded to ten vehicle accidents, two vehicle fires, one mutual aid call to Englewood, and ten false alarms. Chief Dyer's report also said the fire department currently has 12 volunteers, which is fewer than half of its allotted 25.

NOTE: The Winter Solstice occurs at 11:28 a.m. Eastern this morning. For details follow this [LINK](#).

Community News You Can Use

✓ The Gem Players present *Merry Tuba Christmas*, a free Tuba Christmas Concert, this Saturday, December 23rd, at 7 p.m. at the Gem Theater in Etowah.

✓ Members from 5 different fire districts of McMinn County attended a class called Live Burn on December 16 and 17 at the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy in Bell Buckle. The 5 districts represented were Athens Rural Fire Department, Claxton Fire Department, Englewood Rural Fire Department, Etowah Rural Fire Department, and Riceville Rural Fire Department. Pictured below from left to right is: Kelby Liner, Trent Miller, Jim O'Bringer, Griffen West, Lynn Ingram, Mikenzie Brewer, Kelly Gentry, Blake Liner, Tonia Roberts, Jeffrey Cole, Eric Rowland, and C. J. Key. Special photo provided by Lynn Ingram with Englewood Rural Fire Dept.



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Obituaries

♦ **Marvin Lewis Guffey**, age 85, of the Idlewild Community near Athens, died Wednesday at his home. He was born in Long Beach, Washington but was a life long resident of the Idlewild Community. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He retired from Seaton Iron & Metal and was also a retired bus driver with McMinn County Schools. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m., Friday at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at Smith.

♦ **Glenda Elizabeth Hooper McDaniel**, age 84, of Athens, died Wednesday at Life Care Center of Athens. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens.

FIRE HEAVILY DAMAGES NIOTA HOUSE

An early morning fire this past Saturday heavily damaged a house on County Road 266 near Niota. The North McMinn Fire & Rescue, Niota Rural Fire, and Athens Rural Fire responded. The homeowners were not at home at the time. A pet cat died in the fire.



(Photo by Jon Case)

November Home Sales

Tennessee Valley Appraisal Services reports there were 44 sales of single family residences in McMinn County in November. Prices ranged from low of \$23,296 to a high of \$287,000. A sampling of the sales is listed below:

Deer Path Road, Englewood -	\$287,000
Highway 39 E., Athens -	\$266,000
County Road 192, Niota -	\$250,000
County Road 613, Athens -	\$235,000
County Road 276, Niota -	\$188,000
Athenian St., Athens -	\$169,000
Fairview Road, Athens -	\$166,500
County Road 28, Calhoun -	\$162,000
Highway 39 E, Athens -	\$155,000
Benson Drive, Athens -	\$150,000
Robin Street, Athens -	\$140,000
McMinn Ave., Athens -	\$140,000
Pennsylvania Ave., Etowah -	\$139,000
Guille St., Athens -	\$134,500
County Road 609, Athens -	\$134,000
Highland Drive, Englewood -	\$131,200
Taylor St., Athens -	\$130,000
Gettys Lane, Athens -	\$129,000
County Road 77, Riceville -	\$128,000
Pennsylvania Ave., Etowah -	\$120,000
County Road 907, Calhoun -	\$118,500
Cedar Springs Road, Athens -	\$110,000
County Road 587, Englewood -	\$107,500

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