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Athens, Tennessee

LOCAL & AREA NEWS

◆ SHOEMAKER FIRE RULED AS ARSON

State arson investigators have determined that the fire which destroyed a motor home and a garage at the Shoemaker Wrecker Service in the Union Grove community last Sunday morning was arson. The fire started in the motor home and quickly spread to a garage which housed several classic automobiles. The motor home and garage were destroyed, along with four classic cars. The owner of the wrecker service is Alvin Shoemaker, longtime chief of the Union Grove Fire Department. Meantime, a former Union Grove firefighter, 39-year-old Donna Hurst of Sweetwater, was arrested last Friday and charged with 20 counts of forgery and one count of theft over \$1,000 in connection with thefts that occurred about a year and a half ago while she was treasurer of the fire department. The theft was discovered when a volunteer firefighter gassed up a fire truck and discovered there was not enough money in the fire department's bank account to pay for it. The State Comptroller's Office investigated and determined that Hurst allegedly had written checks for personal use that depleted the Union Grove Fire Department's \$5,000 maintenance fund. She was released from the McMinn Co. Jail on a \$25,000 bond. At this point, she has not been charged in connection with the arson.



WORLD & NATIONAL NEWS

- ◆ Gunshots were fired near Vice President Joe Biden's residence in Delaware from a passing vehicle on Saturday night. The vice president and his wife were not at home at the time.
- ◆ President Obama will announce in his State of the Union address Tuesday night that is seeking a tax increase on the wealthiest Americans by raising the capital gains rate and eliminating a tax break on inheritances. He will propose using the revenue to fund new tax credits and other cost-saving measures for the middle class.
- ◆ A deadly shooting at a mall in Melbourne, Florida, on Saturday left two people dead and one wounded. Police say a man opened fire on his wife and another victim before turning the gun on himself. Police say the shooting stemmed from a domestic dispute between a woman who worked in the mall's food court and her husband. He shot and wounded her, killed a co-worker who tried to take his gun away, and then shot and killed himself.
- ◆ A woman died hours after giving birth by C-section to quadruplets at a hospital in Phoenix, Arizona, without ever getting to hold her newborns. Doctors say 36-year-old Erica Morales was suffering from high blood pressure. She apparently had complications before she was taken into surgery.
- ◆ Teenage runaways Cheyenne Phillips and Dalton Hayes were captured early Sunday while sleeping in a stolen pickup truck in Panama City Beach, Florida. They had been dubbed "Bonnie and Clyde" due to a multi-state crime spree. Cheyenne is just 13. They vanished from their hometown in Kentucky earlier this month and went on a crime spree across the South.

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WEATHER

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Monday night - Partly
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Tuesday - Partly Sunny, high
of 54
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Community News You Can Use

✓ A "Heal Our Land Prayer Vigil" will be held at 6:45 p.m. today in the auditorium at Athens City Middle School. Everyone is invited. The event is sponsored by the Athens-McMinn Clergy Association. Their members are pictured to the right. L-R: John Mannone (Assembly of God); Rev. Melissa Smith (Allen Memorial United Methodist Church); Rev. Les Rust (Mars Hill Presbyterian); Rev. Wayne Williams (First United Presbyterian); and Rev. Norman Beetler (Assembly of God).



✓ A Martin Luther King Day Ecumenical Worship Service will be held at 12:05 p.m. today at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Athens. The Rev. Vant Hardaway will be the guest speaker.

✓ Senator Mike Bell of Riceville has gotten his committee appointments for this session. Bell will serve as chairman of the Senate Government Operations Committee. He will also serve on the Judiciary and the Energy, Agriculture, and Natural Resource Committees.

Obituaries

• **Mildred Elizabeth Cooper Henderson**, age 89, of Riceville died last Friday at her home. She was a former employee of Small's Restaurant and was retired from Athens Table Company. Funeral services were held Saturday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

• **Joe Eldridge Moates**, age 85, of Etowah died on January 11th at Parkwest Medical Center. He was mayor of Etowah from 1996 to 2004. Before that, he worked in real estate in Chattanooga. He served in the Air Force for five years. A Celebration of Life service was held this past Saturday at Bordwine Funeral Home.

• **Sandra K. Johnson**, age 60, of Decatur died January 13. Graveside services were held this past Saturday. Bowers Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

• **Raymond Bias**, age 52, died last Thursday. He was the first homeless person in Athens to die from illness contributed the cold weather this year. He had been a part of the homeless camps around Athens for over five years. Funeral arrangements are not known.

MORE STATE & LOCAL NEWS HEADLINES

- Athens police say no one was injured when a vehicle ran off Decatur Pike near the old bowling alley, went down an embankment, and into a creek around 11 a.m. Sunday.

- Tennessee is one of four states whose ban on gay marriages will be heard by the U.S. Supreme Court this spring. The cases will be argued in April, with a decision expected by late June.

The Daily Post-Athenian's 10th Annual

Bridal Fair

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TODAY IN HISTORY - January 19th

1736 - Scottish inventor James Watt was born. He designed the engine that made steam power practical.

1807 - Robert E. Lee was born in 1807 in Virginia. He was the commander of the Confederate Army in the Civil War. Reportedly, he never smoked, drank alcohol, or used obscene language. He spent his final years after the war as president of Washington College in Lexington, Virginia. It was named Washington and Lee University after his death.

1939 - Singer Phil Everly of the Everly Brothers was born. The brothers' hit records included "Bird Dog," "Wake Up Little Susie," and "Crying In The Rain."

1946 - Singer and businesswoman Dolly Parton was born in Sevierville. She has had scores of hit records and starred in several movies. In 1986, she opened the Dollywood theme park.