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Thursday, January 22, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

### State & Local News

#### ◆ TWO SISTERS HURT IN HIGHWAY 163 CRASH

A traffic crash on Tuesday at the intersection of Highway 163 and County Road 750 in McMinn County sent Ms. Phyllis Casteel and her sister to Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens with minor injuries. She apparently pulled onto Highway 163 and hit a tractor-trailer in the right rear wheel assembly. The truck driver was not injured. Units from the Claxton and Calhoun Rural Fire Departments and the McMinn County Rescue Squad responded.

(Photo by Jay Thomson)



### UPDATE ON DONNA HURST ARREST

On Monday, we reported that the former treasurer of the Union Grove Volunteer Fire Department, Donna Hurst, had been arrested on charges of stealing fire department money. We have now obtained a copy of the investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury. The report says during the period of June 2012 through January 2013, Ms. Hurst cashed 21 unauthorized fire department checks that she wrote to herself and used the proceeds for her personal benefit. She signed Fire Chief Alvin Shoemaker's name on all of the checks, which totaled \$4,954. The checks ranged in amounts from \$30 up to \$800 and were passed at Athens Federal. Investigators also discovered that Ms. Hurst had stolen an undetermined amount of fund-raiser collections gathered by the fire department's "boot drive" and car wash fund-raisers. She was indicted by the McMinn County Grand Jury on November 18 on 20 counts of forgery and one count of theft over \$1,000. She was arrested on January 16 and booked into the McMinn County Jail. She was released after posting a \$25,000 bond. The Comptroller's report also identified a lack of financial controls within the Union Grove Volunteer Fire Department. Ms. Hurst was allowed to receive collections, make deposits, sign checks, and was the only official who reviewed bank statements. Fire department officials indicate they have corrected or intend to correct those issues. At this point, investigators have not connected Ms. Hurst to the arson fire that destroyed Shoemaker Wrecker Service, owned by Fire Chief Alvin Shoemaker, the morning of January 11.

 **Happy New Year!**  
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**AMERICAN LEGION POST 68**  
**FISH FRY**  
FRIDAY: 5 - 7:15 p.m.  
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**WEATHER**  
**Thursday** - Mostly cloudy.  
Highs in the upper 40's to lower  
50's. Light winds.  
**Thursday night** - Mostly  
cloudy. 40% rain. Lows in the  
mid 30's.  
**Friday** - 80% rain. Highs in  
low 40's.  
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Thursday, January 22, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

### Update On Homeless Man's Death

On Monday of this week, we printed a story about the death of 52-year-old Raymond Bias, and reported that he was the first member of the Athens homeless community to die this winter from illness due to the cold weather. We have since learned more details about Bias. He was from Ohio. He had lived in Athens for about five years and was currently living in a tent behind a trailer on Hamby Street. Tanya Murphy, director of Grace and Mercy Ministries, says volunteers with her organization had made several attempts to help Bias, including offering him a sleeping bag. She says he refused all of their efforts to help. He caught flu several days ago and was hospitalized. He developed pneumonia while in the hospital and died. Medical authorities say, however, that his death cannot be directly attributed to the cold weather. His family in Ohio has declined to help with funeral or burial arrangements. Therefore, the McMinn County government will bear the cost of burying him.

#### DID YOU FEEL IT?

A minor earthquake measuring 1.8 magnitude was reported just southeast of Athens around 8:56 a.m. Wednesday. The McMinn County 911 dispatchers say they did not receive any calls from citizens reporting they heard or felt anything. Small tremors are common in the Tennessee Valley due to a fault line running through our area.

### Obituaries

- **Paul Boyd Hutsell**, age 66, of Niota died Wednesday, at his residence. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.
- **Donald R. Powers**, age 78, of Athens, died Wednesday at Fort Sanders Medical Center in Knoxville. He was owner and operator of Powers Machine Shop for 35 years. He served in the U.S. Air Force, taught at the McMinn Vocational School, and was Athens' Young Man of the Year. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mars Hill Presbyterian Church with visitation from 5-7 p.m. on Friday at Smith Funeral & Cremation Services.

**WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 39.05 at 17,554.28. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 9.57 at 2,032.12, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 12.58 at 4,667.42.

#### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ Athens Tribe 10U - Local 10U Travel Baseball is currently finalizing their Spring 2015 roster and is looking to add 1 or 2 additional players. For information and to schedule an individual try-out, call Head Coach Trevor Burns at 453-0012.
- ✓ CHS Lightning Dance team will have a Dance Camp at the Central High School gym this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for ages 4-15. The cost is \$25 per attendee. The fee includes a t-shirt and lunch.
- ✓ The American Legion Fish Fry will be this Friday from 5 to 7:15 p.m. at the VFW Post on Congress Parkway in Athens. All you can eat for \$9.00. You are invited to bring the whole family.

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### TODAY IN HISTORY – January 22

- 1875** - Motion-picture director D.W. Griffith was born. He is best known for his film, "The Birth of a Nation."
- 1946** - The Central Intelligence Group, which later became the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), was established by U.S. President Harry S Truman's directive issued this day.
- 1952** - Teddy Gentry of the group Alabama was born.
- 1889** - The Columbia Phonograph Company was formed in Washington, DC.
- 1968** - The NBC-TV show "Laugh-In" debuted "from beautiful downtown Burbank." The cast included the likes of Dan Rowan, Dick Martin, Arte Johnson, Goldie Hawn, Ruth Buzzi, Lily Tomlin, Judy Carnes, and Gary Owens. Even President Richard Nixon appeared on the show.
- 1970** - The Boeing 747 embarked on its first regularly scheduled commercial flight, from New York to London.
- 1973** - The U.S. Supreme Court issued a landmark ruling which legalized abortions.
- 1973** - Lyndon Baines Johnson, the 36th president of the United States, died at his ranch in Johnson City, Texas, at age 64.
- 1995** - Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, the mother of President John F. Kennedy, died in Hyannis Port, Mass., at age 104.