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Monday, February 23, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

LOCAL & AREA NEWS

◆ BURNOUT NEAR ETOWAH

A house on County Road 803 just outside Etowah was destroyed by fire last Thursday afternoon. The house was owned by James Spurling, Sr. Nine members of the Spurling family, including five children, lived in the house. They lost everything. Damage to the house was estimated at \$56,000. A 1999 Chrysler van parked next to the house was damaged. Anyone who would like to help the family can call 572-0835. Units from the Etowah and Englewood Rural Fire Departments responded. (Photo by Jay Thomson)



STATE NEWS

◆ Volunteer Energy Cooperative crews have been working around the clock to restore power to 30,000 customers across its service area whose power was knocked out by Friday night's ice storm. Cumberland County was hardest hit. VEC's President/CEO Rody Blevins calls it the most extensive damage in recent memory.

◆ The Tennessee Emergency Management Agency reports there have been 21 weather-related deaths in the state in the past week. Eleven deaths were hypothermia-related and six were from traffic accidents.

◆ The Federal Trade Commission is filing a complaint against a Tennessee company that makes wrist bands intended to repel mosquitos and other pests. The FTC says there is no evidence that the Viatak Bugband 10 actually works.

◆ ATHENS CITY COUNCIL REPORT

The Athens City Council held its monthly meeting last Tuesday night. The council members heard the police and fire department reports for January.

Police Chief Chuck Ziegler reported there were 65 thefts, 21 burglaries, 18 assaults, 8 motor vehicle thefts, and 1 robbery in January. Police issued 447 citations for moving violations. There were 83 traffic accidents with 21 injuries.

Fire Chief Jim Dyer reported that Athens firefighters responded to 46 calls in January. One was a residential fire and one was an industrial fire. Firefighters responded to 10 vehicle accidents. There were 16 false alarms. Damages totaled \$10,050.



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More Etowah Award Winners

At the Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual Banquet last Thursday night, the annual awards were presented. In last Friday's Morning Fax, we had a photo of Scott Cass receiving the Business Person of the Year award. Shown below left is Laura Jenkins, a teacher at Mtn. View Elementary School, who was the recipient of the Joe Quirk Educator of the Year Award. The award was presented by Starr Regional Medical Center CEO Mark Nichols. Marvin Taylor, below right, received the R. Frank McKinney Distinguished Service Award. Taylor is a past president of the Etowah Chamber, a former chairman of the Old Fashion Fourth of July Committee, and a volunteer in many other community activities in Etowah.



Obituaries

- **Charlsie Glafrey Langley**, age 84, of Athens died Friday at her home. She was a telephone operator with Bell South and a former employee of Westinghouse. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in McMinn Memory Gardens. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- **Linda Lee Nichols Dickson**, age 70, of Maryville died last Thursday at a Maryville health care facility. She was born in Polk County. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Old Salem Baptist Church Cemetery, with visitation from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah.
- **Jule Davis Duke, Sr.**, age 88, of Athens died Friday at Wellington Place of Athens. He was retired from Bowater after 38 years, where he was Supervisor of the Instrument Department. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II as a B24 tail gunner. He was an organizer of Boy Scout Troop #118 and was an antique car enthusiast. The family will receive friends Monday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home.
- **Doug "Poopsie" Yermasek**, age 73, of Reliance died last Wednesday at SkyRidge Medical Center in Cleveland. He was a retired veteran of the U.S. Army with over 20 years of service, including serving in the Vietnam Conflict. Funeral services were held this past Saturday at Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah.

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