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### Local & State News

#### ◆ UNION GROVE F.D. DAYS ARE NUMBERED

The days of the Union Grove Volunteer Fire Department are numbered. The McMinn County Commission voted unanimously to recognize the new North McMinn Fire and Rescue Department. Once the state gives its official recognition to the new fire department, the Union Grove Fire Department will no longer be recognized. McMinn County Mayor John Gentry says that process will take about two weeks. Sources say the Union Grove Fire Department may cease its operations before that.

#### ◆ SNOWSTORM SHUTS DOWN THE AREA

Folks in the Athens area woke up to about two inches of snow on the ground Tuesday. Roads were treacherous. As a result, schools were closed. Government offices and several businesses opened late. Several organizations, such as the E.G. Fisher Library and the Living Heritage Museum closed for the day. The forecast, meantime, is calling for more snow for tonight. (See at bottom right)

(Richard Newman sent us this photo of Downtown Athens)



### WEATHER NEWS

◆ Volunteer Energy Cooperative reports 14,000 customers are still without power in Cumberland County. VEC officials are asking their customers to be patient. It may be several more days before all the power is restored.

◆ TEMA now reports 30 weather-related deaths across Tennessee in the past 9 days. Nineteen of the deaths were related to cold weather exposure, six were traffic deaths, three died in a house fire, one victim died from carbon monoxide poisoning, and one died because he was unable to receive dialysis treatment.

#### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The McMinn Senior Activity Center will hold its Annual Health Fair on Thursday from 8 to 11 a.m. Over 25 health care vendors will be available to answer questions about their services. Free screenings will be offered.

✓ The McMinn County Republican Party Mass Convention Meeting that was cancelled last night has been postponed until next Tuesday, March 3, at 6 p.m. in the Blue Room of the Courthouse.

✓ The American Legion Post 68 monthly fish fry will be this Friday from 5 to 7:15 p.m. at the VFW Post on North Congress Parkway. All you can eat for \$9.00. The public is invited.

✓ The Good Faith Clinic in partnership with ETSU's College of Medicine will hold its annual free health fair for uninsured adults in McMinn and Meigs Counties on Wednesday, March 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Thursday, March 5, from 9 until noon. Appointments are required. Call 745-4541.

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### WEATHER

**Wednesday** - Cloudy. 80% snow late. High-mid 30's.

**Wed. night** - 90% snow. 1 to 5 inches possible. Low-mid 20's.

**Thursday** - Mostly cloudy. 50% snow until noon. High-mid to upper 30's.

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### Stepping Down After 35 Years

After 35 years, Debbie Trotter has decided it is time to join her husband in retirement. Debbie works at Citizens National Bank, where she is Assistant Vice President/Customer Service Representative in the branch at South White and Park Streets. There will be a retirement party this Friday from 2 to 4 p.m.



### Obituaries

- **Allen Bruce Jewett**, age 86, of Ten Mile died Sunday at his residence. He was a Baptist minister for 65 years and currently led the music at Lakeside Baptist Church. He had served as Dean of Students at Bryan College. He was the father of Carolyn Hobbs of Athens. The family will receive friends on Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Lakeside Baptist Church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- **Charlestine Smith Watson**, age 92, of Athens died last Sunday. Due to the weather, there has been a change in time for services and visitation. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- **Sarah Virginia Houston**, age 60, of Hixson (and formerly of Athens) died this week at her residence. She retired from TVA's Sequoyah Nuclear Plant. The family will receive friends Saturday from 6 to 7 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.
- **Mary Louise "Pee Wee" Humbert**, age 65, of Athens died last Saturday at her home. She was an employee of Thomas & Betts for 18 years. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.
- **Mildred Blondell Blair Caylor**, age 84, of Athens died Feb. 13 at her home. She was a hairdresser for 50 years. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses of Athens. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.
- **William Herbert "Herb" Wilcox**, age 57, of Sweetwater died last Saturday. Services will be at 6 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 4 to 6 p.m.

### FUN IN THE SNOW!

Kristie Brock sent us this photo of her grandchildren, Alexa and Chloe Brock, as they played in the snow Tuesday.



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