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Friday, January 19, 2018

Athens, Tennessee

### State & Local News

#### ◆ FIRE DESTROYS RICEVILLE HOUSE

A house on County Road 714 in Riceville was destroyed by fire Wednesday night. Firefighters say a space heater was likely the cause of the fire at the house belonging to the Kevin Brock family. Brock says the family had left to run some errands and when they returned they found the house engulfed in flames. Riceville volunteer firefighters had to battle slick roads and sub-freezing temperatures. Several of the family's pets died in the fire.

(Submitted photo via Riceville Volunteer Fire Department)



### National & World News

◆ A member of the U.S. Marshals Service was shot and killed Thursday morning while serving an arrest warrant at a home in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Two other officers were shot and the fugitive, who was wanted by Harrisburg police for several charges, including terroristic threat offences, was taken into custody. The individual who shot the officers was killed by return fire while attempting to exit the home.

◆ One day after a record close for the Dow Jones Industrial Average, Wall Street's major indices retreated slightly on Thursday. The Dow dropped 97.94 points closing at 26,017.81. The Nasdaq was down 2.23 to close at 7,296.05, and the S&P 500 was down 4.53 to close at 2,798.03.

#### ◆ POLICE/FIRE ACTIVITY FOR DECEMBER

The Athens City Council received the December reports for police and fire activity at its Tuesday night meeting.

Police Chief Cliff Couch reported there were 59 thefts in December, 16 burglaries, seven assaults, two motor vehicle thefts, and one robbery. Police issued 219 citations for moving violations. There were 102 traffic accidents, with 13 injuries. The police department currently has two vacancies.

Fire Chief Jim Dyer reported that firefighter responded to 43 calls in December. Three of the calls were two residential fires and one was at a commercial location, five were to vehicle accidents, three were to trash fires, and there were 14 false alarms. Losses for the month totaled \$57,800.

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**Friday - Sunny. High near 47.**  
**Fri. Night - Clear. Low around 24.**  
**Saturday - Sunny. High 52.**  
**Sunday - Mostly sunny. High near 58.**

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### Obituaries

- ♦ **Douglas L. Lyons**, age 60, of Athens, died Wednesday at Physicians Regional Medical Center in Knoxville. He was a maintenance technician at Plastic Industries until his retirement. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday.
- ♦ **Charles "Lex" Clark**, age 73, of Athens, died Wednesday at his home. He was an electrician. A gathering to celebrate his life will be held Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. at Bowers Funeral Home in Decatur.
- ♦ **Pat Stewart**, 68, of Athens, died Wednesday at Erlanger. He was a veteran of the Navy and retired from J.M. Huber. At his request, there will be no formal visitation or services. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Carol Weeks Shadden**, age 70, of Englewood, died Wednesday at Rhea Medical Center in Dayton. She worked with Woods Memorial Hospital District for 20 years. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday.
- ♦ **John Walter Sadler**, age 70, of Sweetwater, died Wednesday at Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center. He was an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Army. A celebration of his life will be Sunday at 3 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens with visitation from 1 to 3 p.m.

**PERKINSON & BRYANT NAMED TO WATER PANEL**  
 Athens City Councilman Bo Perkinson & Chancellor Jerri Bryant of Athens have been named to a steering committee to develop a state-wide plan for future water availability. The panel of leaders from federal, state and local government, industry, academia, environmental advocacy groups, and public utilities was named by Governor Bill Haslam. The committee will assess current water resources and make recommendations to help ensure Tennessee has an abundance of water resources to support future population and economic growth.

### Church News & Events

- North Etowah Baptist Church is now offering a warming shelter if temperatures drop below 32 degrees overnight. The church is located at 231 Pennsylvania Avenue (Enter at 2nd Street). Check-in is from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Check-out is 8 a.m. Warming shelter volunteers have no access to financial resources. For information, call 263-5531.
- Boyd Memorial First Church of God will have their quarterly Gospel singing Saturday at 6 p.m. The church is located at 1130 N. Congress Parkway.
- Glorybound Church at 446 Isbill Rd., Madisonville, will have *The Carters* singing in the evening service this Sunday at 6. Everyone is welcome.
- Voice of Deliverance Ministry Church of God in Christ will have revival services Feb. 1-2 beginning at 7:30 nightly. The guest speaker will be Letitisha Saunders, First Lady of Voice of Deliverance Ministry. The church is located at 520 Old Riceville Road, Athens.
- A benefit dinner for Jasmine Wade will be held January 27th at 12 noon at Englewood Church of God, 9 Church Street. Jasmine was diagnosed with a highly aggressive brain tumor. The benefit will help the family with medical expenses. Plates are \$5 each, including hot dog, chili, chips, and drink. For more information, call Jessica Beasley at 368-7569 or John Beasley at 368-7704.

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