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Friday-January 17, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

### LOCAL & AREA NEWS

#### ◆ ROUND TWO OF LEAF PICKUPS IS OVER

The Athens Public Works Department has finished the second round of leaf collection and will do loose leaf collection by call-in only. Call 744-2776 and leave your name, address, and phone number on the voice mail to be placed on a work list to have your loose leaves vacuumed up at curbside. The last day of loose leaf pickup will be Friday, Feb. 7th. Anyone placing leaves to the curbside for pickup after Feb. 7th must bag the leaves.

#### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ "Home for the Holidays," the newest exhibit at the McMinn Living Heritage Museum, will continue through January 25th. The exhibit features handmade furniture and other woodwork of Athens craftsmen Johnny McGrew, Walter Vincent, and Jeff Wilkins.
- ✓ The McMinn County Commission will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, January 27th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse. The regularly scheduled meetings for both January and February are being combined in this meeting.
- ✓ The 23rd annual Tennessee Sandhill Crane Festival will be held this Saturday and Sunday at the Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge and the Birchwood Community Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS

◆ Up to 2,000 people have been evacuated due to a wildfire that burned two homes and threatened neighborhoods in dangerously dry foothills of Southern California's San Gabriel Mountains. At least 2 ½ square miles of dry brush were charred in the wilderness area, 25 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles.

◆ One member of an elite Army helicopter unit is dead and two crew members suffered injuries when their aircraft slammed into the ground while trying to land at a Georgia airfield. The MH-60 Black Hawk was returning from a routine training flight to Hunter Army Airfield at Fort Stewart outside Savannah, when it made a "hard landing" late Wednesday on or near the airstrip.

◆ A man fatally shot two women in a northern Indiana grocery store and was waving a gun at a kneeling store manager when police officers arrived and killed the gunman. Despite confrontations with the gunman, the manager and another employee at the Martin's Super Market in Elkhart escaped unharmed.

◆ A veteran Olympic security consultant believes that the security threat is higher than it's ever been in the history of the Olympic Games. Bill Rathburn believes that it's not a matter of whether there will be some incident, but how bad it's going to be. The Winter Olympics will take place Feb. 7-23 in Sochi, Russia.



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### Church News & Events

- The Ministerial Association of Athens will provide a community-wide worship service for the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday at First United Presbyterian Church on Monday, January 20th. The service will begin at 12:05 p.m. TWC President Dr. Harley Knowles and city and county officials will provide community greetings. Area ministers will read scriptures and lead prayers. The Rev. Dr. Les Rust, Senior Pastor of Mars Hill United Presbyterian Church, will be the guest speaker. The First United Presbyterian Church is located at 321 N. Jackson Street (up from the Arts Center). Refreshments and fellowship will follow the service.
- Union Hill Baptist Church will host a singing with Appointed Quartet this Sunday at 11 a.m.
- Starting this Sunday, January 19th, Athens First Baptist Church will be holding Sunday morning services at Athens City Middle School for approximately eight weeks due to construction work on the church building. Sunday School will be at 9:30 a.m. and the worship service will be at 10:45 a.m.

### Did You Know?

1. If the population of China walked past you in single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.
2. If you are an average American, in your life you will spend an average of six months waiting at red lights.
3. The microwave was invented after a researcher walked past a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.

### Obituaries

**Marvin O. Hammond**, age 73, of Athens died Tuesday at Wood Presbyterian Home in Sweetwater. Marvin Hammond was the co-owner of L&M Motors, along with his brother Leon. He was also a farmer and served in the Air Force during the Vietnam war. Memorial services will be at 6 p.m. next Tuesday, January 21st, at First Baptist Church of Etowah, with visitation afterwards from 7 to 8 p.m. at the church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

**Barbara Watts Smith**, age 76, of Jacksonville, Florida (and formerly of Etowah), died last Friday. She was retired from Southern Bell. Funeral Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**Thursday's Market Report:** The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 64.93 at 16,417.01. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 4.74 at 1,843.64, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 3.80 at 4,218.69.

### HASLAM INTRODUCES ANTI-METH LEGISLATION

Governor Bill Haslam has introduced legislation to try to reduce the problem of methamphetamine production in Tennessee. His bill would limit the amount of medication containing pseudoephedrine an individual can purchase within a 30-day period. The governor says his bill targets the so-called "smurfers" who buy from a variety of stores in small quantities until they have enough to manufacture meth. He says the proposal will not affect most people who use the medications normally.



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