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Wednesday, January 22, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ ATHENS POLICE & FIRE REPORT

The Athens Police and Fire Departments gave their monthly activity reports to the Athens City Council at Tuesday night's meeting.

Police Chief Chuck Ziegler reported there were 56 thefts, 13 burglaries, 19 assaults, five motor vehicle thefts, one robbery, and one sex offense in December. For the year 2013, Athens recorded 826 thefts, 208 burglaries, 197 assaults, 50 motor vehicle thefts, 20 armed robberies, and 19 sex offenses. Each of those categories was down from 2012. There were 444 moving violation tickets issued in December and 7547 for the year. That was also below the figure for 2012. There were 58 traffic accidents in Athens in December and 783 for the year. In 2012, there were 941 traffic crashes. Five people were injured in traffic crashes in December and 191 for the year; down from 2012, which saw 238 injuries.

Fire Chief Jim Dyer reported that Athens firefighters responded to 31 calls in December and 398 for the year 2013. That was down from 460 calls in 2012. Dollar losses from fires in December totaled \$57,750 and \$557,250 for the year. That was up considerably from the 2012 losses of \$300,500. During December, firefighters responded to four vehicle accidents, one vehicle fire, one residential fire, and eight false alarms. The residential fire took place on Anton Street and resulted in losses of \$55,000. That same fire also resulted in \$2,500 in damage to a vehicle. In December, firefighters also responded to 17 miscellaneous calls.

(See Column 2 for more City Council Action)

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ The Athens City Council voted last night to remove from their agenda, the ordinance that was being considered to raise the city sales tax rate from 2.0 to 2.75%. Mayor Hal Buttram, Vice-Mayor Ann Davis, and Councilman Bo Perkinson voted to remove the item, while Council members Dick Pelley and Chuck Burris voted to keep the item on the agenda. The council approved the City School Board's revised budget and presented the VIVID Award to Debbie Herbert for her work with the McMinn Senior Citizens Center.

◆ After being clobbered by a swirling storm, the mid-Atlantic and the urban Northeast could possibly get more than a foot of snow. The storm stretched 1,000 miles between Kentucky and Massachusetts and is blamed for at least one death in Maryland after a car fishtailed into the path of a tractor-trailer on a snow-covered road about 50 miles northwest of Baltimore.

◆ Inside a classroom building at Purdue University, one person was fatally shot Tuesday. According to Campus police chief John Cox, the gunman apparently targeted his victim, and no one else was injured.

◆ Bitterly cold winter air is blasting into the United States from the Arctic, which is now being called the polar vortex, an atmospheric weather pattern that is really just winter as usual. The polar vortex is a winter weather pattern that circles the Arctic, spinning west to east, trapping cold air in the high latitudes. Researchers named the polar vortex in the 1950s.

◆ Senator David Vitter, a Republican from Louisiana, will run for governor in his home state in 2015. Governor Bobby Jindal, who is now in his second term, is considering a run for president in 2016.

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WEATHER
Wednesday - Mostly sunny.
 Highs in the upper 20's to lower 30's.
Wed. night - Partly cloudy.
 Lows 14 to 18.
Thursday - Mostly sunny.
 Highs in the upper 20's to lower 30's.
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Wednesday-January 22, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

Etowah Fire & Rescue Honors

The Etowah Rural Fire Department and Rescue Squad honored several of its members at a recent banquet.

First Responder of the Year & Medical Top Responder-
Russell Lloyd

Rookie of the Year-Hope Cox and Matthew Poe

Officer of the Year & 2nd Medical Top Responder-Nathan
Coe

Chief's Citation-Kevin Elliott

Fire/Rescue Tech of the Year-Chris Deakin

Fire/Rescue Top Responder-Jeremy Harrison

3rd Medical Top Responder-Shamrarie Troutt

2nd Fire/Rescue Top Responder-Troy Harrison

3rd Fire/Rescue Top Responder-John Lipp

Shown below, L-R: Russell Lloyd, Hope Coe & Matthew Poe, Nathan Coe, and Kevin Elliott. The awards were presented by Chief Brandon Frost. (Photos by Jay Thomson)



Obituaries

Barbara Ann Burger Key, age 68, of Athens died Sunday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

Mary E. Barnett, age 78, of Englewood died Tuesday at Etowah Health Care Center. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Bordwine.

Ricky Allen Self, Sr., age 54, of Englewood died last Friday. He was a roofer. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Serenity Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at Serenity.

James C. Barton, age 83, of Riceville died Tuesday at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Zeigler Funeral home.

More Etowah RFD/Rescue award recipients, L-R: Chris Deakin, Jeremy Harrison, Shamarie Troutt, Troy Harrison, and John Lipp.

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TODAY IN HISTORY - Jan. 22nd

- 1875 - Motion-picture director D.W. Griffith was born. He is best known for his film, "The Birth of a Nation."
- 1952 - Teddy Gentry of the group Alabama was born.
- 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 departed 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.

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