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## Today's News...This Morning

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**ATTENTION  
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Hiwassee Chapter NWTF  
Auction and Banquet  
**Saturday, Jan 31st at 6 p.m.**  
Athens Regional Park  
Conference Center  
Call for details >> 423-744-9045  
10 Guns to be given away  
and a Big Green Egg !!

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

### Local & State News

#### ◆ UNION GROVE FIRE DEPT. STILL OPERATING

The Union Grove Volunteer Fire Department is still responding to fire calls in the area. However, McMinn County Mayor John Gentry says a fire engine and brush truck will be moved from their fire hall to another location "fairly soon." Gentry says based on recent activity involving arson at the wrecker service owned by Union Grove Fire Chief Alvin Shoemaker and theft of fire department money by the former treasurer, the "prudent thing to do is to move the trucks." Gentry says they will be taken to an existing building on County Road 250 for temporary use. Meanwhile, a group of citizens, including a number of firefighters, are hoping to form a new fire department to serve north McMinn County.

#### ◆ ATHENS CRIME IN 2014 VERSUS 2013

The number of some categories of crimes in the city of Athens went up in 2014 and in other categories went down compared to 2013. The categories that were up were robberies, homicides, and assaults. There were 31 robberies in Athens in 2014, compared to 20 in 2013. Assaults jumped from 197 in 2013 to 243 in 2014. Homicides increased from 0 in 2013 to 1 in 2014. On the other hand, thefts went down from 826 in 2013 to 679 in 2014. Burglaries also declined, from 208 in 2013 to 176 in 2014. As for tickets written for moving violations, there was a significant drop from 2013 to 2014. Police wrote 7,547 citations in 2013, but only 5,971 in 2014. Traffic accidents increased from 783 in 2013 to 876 in 2014, but injuries dropped from 191 in 2013 to 177 last year.

### GOVERNOR HASLAM IN ATHENS

◆ Governor Bill Haslam and Economic and Community Development Commissioner Randy Boyd will be in Athens today. Governor Haslam and Commissioner Boyd along with DENSO Manufacturing of Athens officials will make a significant economic development announcement at 2 p.m. today.

◆ The Tennessee Dept. of Agriculture says an undeclared peanut allergen was discovered in 5 oz. containers of Pride of Szeged Hungarian Spice paprika, which is distributed by Spice Co. of Avenel, N.J. The discovery was made on January 12 in Cleveland during random testing of food products. Spice Co. said that it will initiate a voluntary recall of their product through the FDA. Consumers with peanut allergies should avoid this product.

#### VOTING UNDERWAY FOR OVERHEAD MESSAGE SIGNS

Voting continues through Feb. 6 to choose the winners of TDOT's first ever Message Sign Contest. Over the past two weeks, TDOT has received more than 3,400 entries for possible safety messages for the overhead signs located on interstate highways across Tennessee. The entries were narrowed down to 15 messages. Here are some of them: "IT'S TENNESSEE...SLOW DOWN...ENJOY THE VIEW." "TAILGATING IS FOR THE GAME, NOT THE ROAD," "YOUR STEERING WHEEL IS NOT A HANDS FREE DEVICE," "DON'T BE A FOOL...KEEP YOUR COOL...DRIVE SAFELY," AND "EXIT TO TEXT IT." You can vote at this website:

<http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/dms/default.shtml>



**TEA  
1PM  
Feb. 7th**

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An Event Venue Company  
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#### RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



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**BOJANGLES South Congress Parkway 744-5292**



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Steak of the Week: (All Day) 10 oz. Ribeye + Side,  
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**Hear Mike  
Huckabee !!  
M-F at 8:30a,  
11:35a, & 5:15p  
Saturdays at  
12:30p & 5:15p**

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**WEATHER**  
**Wednesday** - Sunny. Highs in the mid to upper 40's.  
**Wed. night** - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30's.  
**Thursday** - Mostly cloudy. 30% rain in P.M. Lows in the lower to mid 30's.  
 More Weather & Zoom Radar at: [www.wyxi.com](http://www.wyxi.com)

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### St. Paul & Broken Bones to Perform

The Athens Area Council for the Arts will present St. Paul & The Broken Bones this Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Athens City Middle School auditorium. The performance is part of the 2014-2015 Big Time/Small Town Performance Season. The group is well-known as a soul band and has performed at Bonnaroo and on Jimmy Kimmel Live. The show is a sell-out. The band is pictured below.



◆ **MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**  
 ✓ The Heritage School this Saturday at 11 a.m. at the McMinn Living Heritage Museum will feature George McCollum with a demonstration of basket-making. Heritage School is free to Museum members and \$5 for non-members.

### Obituaries

- **Joanne I. Wyckoff**, age 79, of Athens died Tuesday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- **Susan Robb Murphy**, age 60, of Decatur died Jan. 8 at Vanderbilt Medical Center. She was born in Japan and served in the U.S. Army as a central office repairman supervisor and as a medical-surgical nurse. After leaving the Army, she served in speciality nursing. A celebration of her life will be held this Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at the Comfort Inn Meeting Room, 2811 Decatur Pike, in Athens, with a reception to follow.
- **Opal Dean Wade**, age 92, of Decatur died this past Sunday. Graveside services were held Tuesday afternoon. Bowers Funeral Home was in charge.
- **Teresa Ann Crowder**, age 60, of Decatur died last Saturday. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m.

**TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** U.S. stocks closed sharply lower as a batch of big-name companies reported disappointing earnings that affected investor confidence. Volume on the New York Stock Exchange was moderate, with 665.59 million shares traded. Decliners outnumbered advancers by roughly a 2 - to - 1 margin. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 291.49 at 17,387.21. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 27.91 at 2,029.18, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 90.27 at 4,681.50.

### NOW, THAT'S A SNOWFLAKE!

Enough snow fell in the Athens area Tuesday morning for Brenda Walden Fain to capture this stunning snowflake photograph. Brenda says she could not help but think when she saw the snowflakes that she "saw God today!"



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# Bridal Fair

Saturday, Jan. 31 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
 Woodward Church of God

Vendors, door prizes, and introducing the

**\$400 Cash Grand Prize**  
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