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Friday, January 8, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ NO ARREST YET IN KEITH TYLER MURDER

It's been almost a month since a 51-year-old man was shot and killed at an apartment house on Forrest Avenue in Athens and, so far, no arrests have been made. Keith Harris Tyler was shot in the head by two males who came into an apartment and started shooting. That was on Sunday night, December 13th. Tyler died three days later at UT Medical Center. A woman in the apartment was shot in the hand. Police Chief Chuck Ziegler tells **The Morning Fax** that the police department, the TBI, and the District Attorney's Office are continuing to interview individuals and follow leads that are being given to investigators.

◆ SHELTER PROVIDED FOR SIX PEOPLE

Priscilla Rutherford, chairman of CRAMM, tells **The Morning Fax** that six homeless people were sheltered this week at the Church of Jesus Christ on Hammerhill Road in Athens. She expects more people to take advantage of the shelter as the temperatures continue to drop moving into February and March. She also says assessments have been made on the six homeless people and efforts are underway to help move them into permanent housing at some point.

◆ ATHENIANS NAMED TO STATE BOARDS

Governor Haslam has made appointments to 64 boards and commissions. Chris Liner, vice chairman of the Athens School Board, was named to the Advisory Council for Alternative Education. Shawn Lindsey, the Athens Public Works Director, was named to the Air Pollution Control Board.

MORE AREA NEWS

◆ SHULTZ BURNED IN BARN FIRE

A fire destroyed one of the barns at Shultz Farm Foods on County Road 603 Wednesday afternoon and left owner Wade Shultz with third degree burns on his back and hands. Shultz was taken by ambulance to a burn unit in Austell, Georgia. He was treated and released Thursday evening. The fire started when Shultz tried to start a tractor that was parked in the barn. A spark ignited some gasoline vapors. Shultz suffered burns when he tried to put out the fire with buckets of water. The barn contained hay and several pieces of farm equipment.



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Friday - Mostly cloudy. 20% rain in the a.m. Highs - mid 50's.
Friday night - Mostly cloudy. 20% rain. Lows - lower 40's.
Saturday - 80% rain & t'storms. Highs - mid 50's.
Sunday - Mostly cloudy. 40% rain. Highs in the lower 40's.
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Church News & Events

- Voice of Deliverance Ministry invites you to join them for a Divine Encounter revival January 13th-15th at 7:30 nightly. The church is located at 520 Old Riceville Road, Athens.
- The Jones Chapel United Methodist Church Ladies Group will have their 11th annual Ladies Conference tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The guest speaker will be Beth Greene from Kingston. There is a \$10 charge, which includes a soup/chili lunch. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. If you have questions, call 368-5480 or 920-1236.
- The Hymnsmen Quartet will be singing at North Etowah Baptist Church on Sunday, January 17th, at 6 p.m. The church is located at 231 Pennsylvania Avenue.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Listening Tour with the Athens City Council and the Athens City School Board has been moved from City Park School to the Athens City Middle School due to a scheduling conflict. The event will be next Thursday from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- ✓ The Heritage School at the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum tomorrow will feature Harriel Blair reading from the children's books, "The Summer of the Swans" and "Sounder." The time is 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- ✓ Blood Assurance is down to only a one day supply of type O-negative blood and a 2½ day supply of other blood types. They try to keep a five day supply. Your donations of blood are requested.

Obituaries

- **Donna Raye Morrow O'Daniel** of Athens, died Wednesday. She was formerly employed at Compnet in Athens. A memorial service will be held on Friday at 1:30 p.m. at North Athens Baptist Church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.
- **Jeremy Otto Prater**, age 23, of Athens, died Tuesday at Blount Memorial Hospital. He had worked at DENSO. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah, with visitation from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

WORLD AND NATIONAL NEWS

- ◆ The Harney County Sheriff's Office in Oregon has called a meeting with the protesters who have taken over a federal wildlife refuge building over the prosecution of a pair of Oregon ranchers. The meeting will hopefully bring a peaceful end to the protest.
- ◆ In Cologne, Germany, a New Year's Eve crowd of about 1,000 men gathered on the plaza in front of the city's main train station. As people arrived for the city's celebrations, groups of men surrounded women, insulting them, groping them or sexually assaulting them. Police reports indicate that 121 women have reported alleged assaults, harassment, muggings or robberies. In response to the alleged mass attacks, German Chancellor Angela Merkel is calling for possible deportation of foreigners who commit crimes.
- ◆ Tonya Couch, the mother of fugitive teen, Ethan Couch, who used an "affluenza" defense after killing four people in a drunken crash, was returned to Texas on Thursday to face a charge of helping her son evade capture. Her son is still in Mexico fighting his return.

TODAY IN HISTORY, JANUARY 8TH

- 1642** - Astronomer Galileo Galilei died in Arcetri, Italy.
- 1815** - Andrew Jackson defeated the British at the Battle of New Orleans, the closing engagement of the War of 1812.
- 1856** - Borax (hydrated sodium borate) was discovered by Dr. John Veatch near Red Bluff, California.
- 1867** - Congress passed a law allowing blacks to vote.
- 1918** - President Woodrow Wilson outlined his Fourteen Points for peace after World War I.
- 1935** - Singer Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi. He died on August 16, 1977 in Memphis at age 42.
- 1940** - Singer Christy Lane was born. Her biggest record was "One Day At A Time."
- 1959** - Charles De Gaulle was inaugurated as president of France's Fifth Republic.
- 1964** - President Lyndon B. Johnson declared a war on poverty to form what he called "The Great Society."
- 1975** - Ella Grasso became the governor of Connecticut. She was the first woman to become a governor of a state without a husband preceding her in the governor's chair.
- 1987** - The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above 2,000 for the first time, ending the day at 2,002.25.
- 1998** - Blind muslim cleric Ramzi Yousef, the mastermind of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, was sentenced in New York to life in prison.
- 1958** - Bobby Fischer won the United States Chess Championship for the first time. He was 14 years of age.