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Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ NO INJURIES IN CR 851 HOUSE FIRE

Firefighters responded to a house fire on County Road 851 early Wednesday morning. The fire began in the living room. All of the occupants escaped without injury. The Etowah and Englewood Rural Fire Departments responded.



(Photo by Lynn Ingram)

◆ BELL FILES TO STOP ABORTION CLINIC FUNDS

State Sen. Mike Bell of Riceville has filed legislation directing TennCare to seek a Medicaid waiver from the federal government to exclude facilities in Tennessee that perform elective abortions from receiving taxpayer money. Abortion providers in Tennessee received almost \$1 million in taxpayer funding from 2012-2017.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The McMinn Historical Society meets Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Blue Room of the Courthouse. Bradley County historian Debbie Stephenson Moore will discuss appraisal of Cherokee property in 1836.

National & World News

◆ A 12-year-old girl is in custody after a shooting in a classroom at a Los Angeles middle school Thursday morning. Four children were wounded including a 15-year-old boy who was shot in the head and is in critical but stable condition. A 15-year-old girl was shot in the wrist and is in fair condition and two other children suffered minor wounds.

◆ President Trump has reviewed a classified GOP memo and is expected to formally consent to its release.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Athens City Manager C. Seth Sumner marks his first year in his job today. Sumner will be the guest next Tuesday morning at 8:15 a.m. on "Chamber Chat," the weekly Athens Chamber of Commerce radio show, on WYXI Radio. You can hear Chamber Chat on FM-94.5, AM-1390 and online at: www.wyxi.com

✓ The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum will host the annual Quilts of Valor Foundation "National Sew Day" on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The workshop will be conducted by the Starr Mountain Quilts of Valor Quilters from Englewood. Admission is free to Museum members, and \$5 for non-members.



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Obituaries

♦ **Robert Garland Lankford**, age 72, of Decatur, died unexpectedly at his home on Tuesday. He retired from Combustion Engineering in Chattanooga prior to serving as Meigs County Executive for three terms between 1986 and 1998 and returned to office as County Mayor in 2010. A celebration of life service will be at 6 p.m. Sunday at Pisgah Baptist Church with visitation to begin at 2 p.m. at the church. Ziegler Funeral Home in in charge of arrangements.



♦ **Brenda Jo Shamblin**, age 62, of Charleston, died Tuesday. She worked for the Bradley County Health Department for 25 years. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday at Candies Creek Baptist Church. A graveside service at the Candies Creek Cemetery will begin at 1 p.m. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Ricky Alan Powell**, age 62, of Decatur, died Sunday at his home. A memorial service celebrating his life will be Saturday, February 10th at 2 p.m. at the Outreach for Calvary Church, 151 CR 79 in Riceville. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 36 points to 26,186. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 7 points to 2,817, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 26 points to 7,386.

Church News & Events

- Free vegetables will be available at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Etowah at their monthly Community Harvest Share today beginning at 2:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to participate. Potatoes, greens, homemade bread, sorghum, pickled okra, eggs, socks, and prayer will be offered.

- St. Paul's Episcopal Church will present Shrove Tuesday Festivities on Feb. 13th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. hosted by the Sunday Choir. All are welcome. The church is located at 123 S. Jackson Street, Athens.

- Trinity United Methodist Church has decided to give away all offerings collected at their Blue Christmas, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day worship services. The total raised was \$4100. Most of the money will be given to Women at the Well, Grace and Mercy Ministries, and the Good Faith Clinic. The photo shows Rev. Loren Boyce giving a check to Tanya Johnson of Women at the Well.



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TODAY IN HISTORY - FEBRUARY 2nd

- 1536** - The Argentine city of Buenos Aires was founded.
- 1848** - Mexico signed the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which gave New Mexico and California to the United States.
- 1876** - The National Baseball League was formed, with teams in Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Louisville, and Hartford.
- 1882** - Irish author James Joyce was born. He wrote the novel, "Ulysses."
- 1887** - Punxsutawney, Pa., held its first Groundhog Day festival.
- 1943** - The remainder of Nazi forces from the Battle of Stalingrad surrendered in a major World War II victory for the Soviet Union.
- 1971** - Idi Amin assumed power in Uganda following a coup.
- 1990** - South African President F.W. de Klerk lifted a ban on the African National Congress and promised to free Nelson Mandela.