

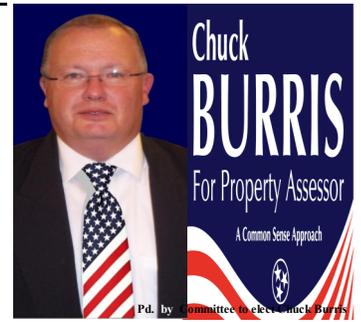
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Athens, Tennessee

Local & Area News

◆ POLICE/FIRE REPORTS FOR JANUARY

Members of the Athens City Council heard the reports on police and fire department activity for January at their Tuesday night meeting.

- Police Chief Cliff Couch reported there were 47 thefts in the city in January, 14 assaults, nine burglaries, three motor vehicle thefts, two sex offenses, and 51 arrests for drug crimes. Officers issued 131 citations for moving violations. That was down from 220 citations in January of last year. There were 55 traffic accidents with 11 injuries. There is currently one vacancy on the Athens police force.

- Fire Chief Brandon Ainsworth reported that firefighters responded to 85 calls in January. Forty calls were for rescue and emergency medical service, ten were to fires, and there were 18 false alarms. Losses for the month totaled \$110,600.00. Most of that was a result of a house fire on Highway 39 West on January 21st.

- The City Council approved several appointments, including moving former mayor John Proffitt from an alternate on the Board of Adjust and Appeals to a Board member to fill a vacancy; appointing Wesley Kite to fill a vacancy on the Board of Zoning Appeals; and appointing Shannon Alvey, Larry Rhodes, Laura Sullivan, and Stephen Dick to the Council Advisory Committee.

Community News You Can Use

✓ Local power rates in March will be just a bit lower than for the current month based on slightly decreased TVA fuel charges. The residential power rate for AUB customers in March will be \$0.08836 per kilowatt hour compared to February's rate of \$0.08846.

✓ The Athens Area Council for the Arts announces the opening of their annual Regional College Student Art Show through March 30th at The Arts Center. This year's exhibition includes 19 pieces from nine artists. A free opening reception and awards ceremony will be held this Friday, Feb. 21st., at 5:30 p.m.

✓ The Athens Parks and Recreation Department is accepting registrations through next Tuesday, February 25th, for the 2020 McMinn County Little League, Girls Fastpitch Softball, and Wittle Weague programs. Little League is for boys and girls ages 5 to 12. Girls Fastpitch Softball is for ages 7 to 12. Wittle Weague is for boys and girls ages three and four. Registration must be completed in person at the Athens Parks and Recreation office in the Athens Municipal building. For more information, call 744-2700 extension 3.

✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library announces that local artwork provided by Community Artist League artist Amber Patty is now on display. Ms. Patty is a full time art educator and advocate serving Brown Intermediate School in Sweetwater. Her artwork will be on display at the library until April 30th.

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Obituaries

- ♦ **Wayne Leon Harris**, age 78, of Decatur, died at his home last Saturday. He was a veteran of the Navy, having served in Vietnam. There will be no formal service. Those who wish to express condolences to the family are welcome to attend an open house visitation this Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 2423 South No Pone Valley Road, Decatur. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.
- ♦ **Glenda Louise Coe Fugate**, age 77, of Riceville, died Wednesday at her residence. She was a licensed hair stylist for over 40 years. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from noon to 2 p.m. prior to the service at Ziegler.
- ♦ **Donald H. Kettenbeil**, age 90, of Athens, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center. He was retired from Hiwassee Land Company as a Woodlands Manager. He served his country in the U.S. Army. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Mars Hill Presbyterian Church with visitation after the service from noon to 2 p.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services is in charge.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. markets posted gains for the day. The technology and energy sectors led the broader market. The real estate and utility sectors lagged. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 116 points or 0.4% to 29,348. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 16 points or 0.5% to 3,386, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 84 points or 0.9% to 9,817.

More History With Joe Guy

The community of Reagan Station along Highway 11 just north of Niota traces its origins to General James Hayes Reagan, who came to McMinn County almost penniless in 1820. He worked for Irby Holt, a local minister, and eventually married Holt's daughter, Elizabeth.

Reagan worked his way up from store clerk to land owner, teacher, postmaster, bank president, General of the local militia, an early investor in the railroad, and state senator.

During the Civil War, Reagan was taken captive and held at Knoxville, where he died the day before his release. James Reagan is buried in the Browder Cemetery at the McMinn-Monroe County line, and his fine brick home remains standing nearby, known as the Reagan House, a testament to James Hayes Reagan's rags to riches story.

(These stories about McMinn County's history have been researched and written by Joe Guy, McMinn County Historian and Sheriff. They were originally prepared for the county's Bicentennial celebration in 2019. They are aired daily on WYXI Radio, FM-94.5 and AM-1390)

United Way



United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties

The United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties, a community based philanthropic organization helping a variety of human services partners across the region, is seeking an imaginative, energetic, and motivated self-starter to lead the organization as its President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

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