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Athens, Tennessee

Local and State News

◆ MOBILE HOME FIRE SAFETY TIPS

The Athens Fire Department urges residents of manufactured homes--also known as mobile homes or trailers--to practice fire safety. Some tips: #1 Buy a manufactured home built after June 15, 1976. #2 Keep gasoline, charcoal lighter and other flammable liquids locked in an outdoor shed. #3 Never store items under your mobile home and store firewood away from the home. #4 Be sure you have smoke alarms installed in or near every sleeping room and family living area. #5 When buying a new manufactured home, ask if residential sprinklers are available as an option.

◆ ARTS COUNCIL NAMES NEW DIRECTOR

Lauren Brown Shepherd will take on the role of executive director of the Athens Area Council for the Arts later this year. Ms. Shepherd is an Athens native and has degrees in creative writing and literary studies. She also worked at New York City-based Mercer, a global consulting firm specializing in talent, health, retirement and investments. She will fill the role held for more than 25 years by current AACA Executive Director Ellen Kimball, who plans to retire in the coming months.

✓ The Athens Public Works Department has announced new hours at the Recycle Center at 118 Rocky Mount Road. The center will be open Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and will be closed on Sunday. The new hours will be on a trial basis to see if it works without becoming a dump site or vandalized. The change is intended to accommodate those citizens that can't bring items to the recycle center during the day.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ President Obama's speech was a bolder and more specific defense of the president's liberal governing vision than the address he gave four years ago, where he stuck to a broader outline of his ideals and called on politicians to overcome partisan differences and work together in the face of economic crisis.

◆ Most Americans watched President Obama's second inauguration festivities from their living room TVs and on the Internet, but some celebrities and special interests got pampered access Monday at exclusive soirees just blocks from the ceremonies.

◆ At the swearing-in ceremony for President Obama, Kelly Clarkson performed, "My Country 'Tis of The", Beyonce Knowles sang the National Anthem, and Richard Blanco read his poem "One Today".

◆ Five people were wounded in a shooting yesterday near a New Orleans intersection where a parade passed earlier celebrating the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The victims were all between 17 and 18 years old and investigators believe none of their wounds is life-threatening.

◆ In last week's hostage standoff at a natural gas complex in Algeria, three U.S. citizens were killed while seven Americans were able to escape their captors. Victor Lynn Lovelady and Gordon Lee Rowan were killed at the Ain Amenas field in the Sahara. Lovelady worked as a project manager at Ain Amenas for the Houston-based energy firm ENGlobal Corporation. Rowan's employer wasn't immediately known. Frederick Buttaccio from Texas was the first American killed.

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Athens, Tennessee

U.S. 441 Landslide Update

Officials in the Great Smoky Mountains are trying to figure out how to repair a large section of U.S. Highway 441 that washed away in heavy rains last Wednesday. It's the main road between Gatlinburg and Cherokee, North Carolina. U.S. Park Service officials say an estimated 9,000 dump truck loads of dirt, rock, and roadway crashed down the side of the mountain on the North Carolina side of the park. What used to be a road is now a gap about the size of a football field. Park officials believe a combination of heavy rains and a subsurface spring underneath the area caused the slide.

At this point, there is no timetable for getting the highway repaired and reopened. The photo below shows the gap in the roadway. Meantime, the Cherokee Skyway remains closed due to a landslide near the Tennessee-North Carolina line.



Obituaries

Mary Elizabeth Renegar Pardue, age 91, of Athens died last Friday night at Wellington Place of Athens after a long illness. Graveside services will be conducted at 2 p.m. next Sunday, January 27th, at Cedar Grove Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens.

Douglas J. Davis, Sr., age 91, of Riceville died last Friday. There will be no formal visitation or local service. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Irene Hyde Moses, age 95, of Athens died last Friday at NHC of Athens. She owned the Robert E. Lee Beauty Shop for 25 years. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at McMinn Memory Gardens, with visitation from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Smith Funeral & Cremation Services.

Juanita Hester Holder, age 66, of Englewood died Monday at her home. She was a former employee of Etowah Manufacturing. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation on Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

The Bank of Canada has barked up the wrong maple tree with its new plastic banknotes, using a foreign Norway maple leaf as the emblem on the notes instead of the Canadian sugar maple that the country has on its national flag. Banknote designers say they created the image with the help of a dendrologist, a botanist who specializes in trees and shrubs.

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Today In History - January 22

- 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 went 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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Tues. night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s.
Wednesday - Partly sunny. Highs in the mid 40s.
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