

Hughes Family Gets Uncle's WWII Medals

Tom Hughes, Executive Vice President of Peoples Bank of East Tennessee, has worked for nearly two years to get his uncle's World War II medals replaced. His uncle, Robert Aubrey Hughes, was killed on December 19th in a B-24 Liberator bomber. His medals were stolen from Tom's grandparents' home years ago in Mississippi. Congressman Chuck Fleischmann was able to secure replacement medals. Last Friday, he presented the medals to Tom and his sister, Vicki Hughes Everett, at Fleischmann's Athens office. The photo below shows Tom and Vicki standing next to those medals.



No Takers At Warming Center

The new McMinn County Warming Center opened Sunday night for homeless people who need a warm place to stay, sleep, and some food. Tanya Murphy with Grace & Mercy Ministries says no people showed up. They were planning to open again Monday from 7 p.m. until 5:30 a.m. The warming shelter is located at East Athens Baptist Church, 301 Central Avenue. Volunteers will be at the church until 10 p.m. to see if anyone comes. They plan to open the shelter any time the overnight low drops to 25. For information, or if you know a homeless person who would like a warm place to stay, you can call Tanya at 920-1367. Local churches will provide a meal and a to-go breakfast for guests of the shelter.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The UT Extension office in McMinn County will offer a Freezer Meal Extravaganza on Presidents' Day, February 17th. You will learn how to create a mix of 8 family meals for only \$40. Meals include slow cook, pressure cook, skillet, and oven bake. You must provide your own meat choice. All other supplies are included. Pre-register at 745-2852. You can pick your one hour time slot between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

✓ Support for the Grieving groups are currently being formed by AGC, the Athens Grief & Wellness Center. The groups are described as "a safe place to tell your story." For more information and/or to sign up for Support for the Grieving group, call 453-7590.





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Obituaries

Richard Earl Myers, age 88, of Riceville, died Saturday at his residence. He was a veteran of the Air Force and a former employee of the U.S. Post Office in Orlando, Florida. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Miracle Deliverance Tabernacle, with visitation at 2 p.m. Ziegler Funeral Home in charge.

Bobby Allen Kirksey, age 76, of Englewood, died Sunday.
He retired from Bowater. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m.

Tuesday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation 5 to 7 p.m. • Richard Elmer Ammons, age 79, of Englewood, died Sunday in a Chattanooga hospital. He served in the Air Force and retired from the Oak Ridge National Security Complex. No formal services will be held. Companion of Athens is in charge.

• June McMillan Elder Hagaman, age 93, of Athens, died Monday. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Trinity United Methodist Church with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m. prior to the service. Smith Funeral Home is in charge.

• Stephanie Annette Coppedge, age 37, of Athens, died last Thursday at her home. A Celebration of Life will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, January 25th at Companion Funeral Home in Athens.

• Gloria Jean Swafford, age 71, of Athens, died last Thurs-day in Nashville. She taught school for 28 years around the nation and in the Athens City and McMinn County Schools. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home with visitation beginning at 12 noon.

✓ **LISTENING REMINDER:** The guest on the Main Street Athens radio show, "Main Street Moments," TODAY will be Heather Kirkland, director of the FCA program at TWU. (This is a change in guests) You can hear the program each Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, FM 94.5 and AM 1390 or ONLINE

Mobile Home Fire on CR 809

Around 6 p.m. Sunday, a mobile home on County Road 809 caught fire. It was a total loss. The mobile home was being remodeled. The Etowah and Englewood Rural Fire Departments responded.

(Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



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TODAY IN HISTORY—JANUARY 21st

1824 - Confederate General "Stonewall" Jackson was born. He got his nickname at the first Battle of Bull Run. Jackson's brigade faced overwhelming odds, but it formed a strong line and held its ground. One of his fellow generals exclaimed: "There is Jackson standing like a stone wall."

1908 - Smoking by women became illegal. The Sullivan Ordinance was enacted in New York City, but, from pictures we've seen, some women continued to smoke even though it was against the law.

1927 - The first opera to be broadcast over a national radio network was presented in Chicago, IL. Listeners heard selections

1940 - Golfing great Jack Nicklaus was born.

1941 - Opera singer Plácido Domingo was born. He and John Denver teamed up for a hit record titled "Perhaps Love."

1942 - Singer/songwriter Mac Davis was born. His hit records include "Stop and Smell the Roses" and "Baby Don't Get Hooked On Me." He wrote such songs as "In the Ghetto," "Watching Scotty Grow," "I Believe in Music," and "Memories."

1976 - Concorde super-sonic jet service between New York and London began via British Airways.