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LOCAL & AREA NEWS

◆ ARREST MADE IN MILLER MURDER

The TBI has arrested a Sweetwater woman, 27-year-old Jessica Kennedy Powers, on charges of murdering Monroe County Election Commission Chairman Jim Miller. The 60-year-old Miller's body was found in the trunk of his burned out car on Sands Road near Sweetwater last July 17th. He had been shot to death before his body was set on fire in his vehicle. The Monroe County Grand Jury indicted Powers on charges of felony murder, aggravated robbery, arson of personal property and abuse of a corpse. Powers was served with the indictment in the Meigs County Jail, where she was being held on unrelated charges. Her bond has been set at \$500,000.



◆ BOND REDUCED FOR I-75 ATTACKERS

McMinn County Sessions Court Judge James Watson has reduced the bond for the three men accused of throwing objects off I-75 overpasses in recent weeks. Jeremy Mulkey's bond was reduced from \$956,000 to \$23,000 and 18 counts of attempted reckless homicide were reduced to one count. Bond for Casey Thomas was lowered from \$83,000 to \$23,000. The bond for Barry Burbank was reduced from \$13,000 to \$5,000. All three men confessed to throwing at least four objects onto the interstate, including two mail boxes and an electric motor. A bus driver and a truck driver were injured.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ The 112th Congress convened with prayers and pomp Wednesday, as Republicans vowed to use their new House majority to battle President Obama on health care, spending, taxes, and other issues.

◆ White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs is the latest member of the Obama administration to leave. Gibbs says he will resign in early February. He will continue to act as an adviser to the president and for his 2012 re-election campaign.

◆ A surprising jump in hiring sent bond prices lower and lifted the dollar on Wednesday. On Wall Street, the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 11,722.89; up 31.71 points.

◆ FEMA, the U.S. disaster agency, has been ordered to recoup \$643 million it improperly paid to people in compensation following Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and other disasters. A new report says FEMA improperly paid 160,000 applicants as a result of inadequate internal controls, human error, mistakes and fraud.

◆ A federal appeals court has ruled that a San Diego war memorial marked by a four-story-tall Christian cross on public land violates the U.S. Constitutional ban on government endorsement of religion.

◆ Angry witches in Romania plan to cast spells on the nation's president and government who are forcing them to pay taxes. Superstition is common in Romania, and the president and his aides wear purple on Thursdays in hopes of warding off evil spirits. Fortune tellers in Romania are also upset because the government is forcing them to pay taxes, however they should have seen it coming.

Beyond Abuse Seminar
Hosted by
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New Home Sales Report

McMinn County had a total of 23 verifiable sales between 12-01-2010 to 01-01-2011. The lowest sales price was \$9,500 and the highest was \$300,000 for a total sales volume of \$2,265,502. During the same time period last year there were 31 sales with a total volume of \$3,123,284. Information from TN Valley Appraisal Services, www.tvasinc.com

- Dodson Ave, Englewood sold for \$9,500
- Howard Street, Athens sold for \$22,000
- County Road 561, Englewood sold for \$24,500
- Scott Street, Athens sold for \$26,502
- Palos Street, Athens sold for \$35,000
- Washington Avenue, Athens sold for \$40,000
- County Road, 358, Niota sold for \$45,000
- County Road, 132, Athens sold for \$47,850
- Georgia Ave, Etowah sold for \$48,000
- County Road 720, Riceville sold for \$58,000
- County Road 907, Calhoun sold for \$62,000
- County Road 757, Riceville sold for \$70,250
- County Road 148, Riceville sold for \$75,000
- County Road 332, Athens sold for \$92,000
- Pinecrest Drive, Athens sold for \$125,000
- County Road 135, Riceville sold for \$128,000
- Highway 39 W, Athens sold for \$130,000
- County Road 124, Athens sold for \$142,000
- County Road 1150, Riceville sold for \$157,500
- County Road 244, Athens sold for \$192,500
- County Road 728, Riceville sold for \$209,900
- County Road 20, Calhoun sold for \$225,000
- County Road 193, Niota sold for \$300,000

Obituaries

Frank "Frankie" William Rose, age 56, of Delano died Tuesday at his home. He had worked as a studio musician in Nashville and later became a freelance recording engineer. He was an EMT-Paramedic and worked with various EMS Services and hospitals in Middle and East Tennessee until a massive heart attack cut his career short in 2009. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Old Trew Cemetery in Delano. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Joan White Ballew, age 46, of Powder Springs, Georgia, (and formerly of Etowah) died Tuesday in a Georgia hospital. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from noon until 2 p.m. Friday at Ziegler.

Community News You Can Use

✓ A staff member from Legal Aid of East Tennessee will see eligible clients in McMinn County this Friday at the McMinn County Courthouse between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. If you need help with civil matters, you may qualify for free legal assistance. Call 1-800-445-3219 for an appointment.

✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce announces a free "Lunch & Learn" Seminar titled "SAVE ! Don't Pay This Tax Season." Pascarella & Miller, CPA's, will present information on how to save, retirement planning, and an update on the tax laws, Thursday, Jan. 13, at the Athens campus of Cleveland State Community College from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reservations are required. Call 745-0334.

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WEATHER
Thursday - Mostly sunny. High-low to mid 40's.
Thurs. night - Mostly cloudy. 30% snow. Low-29.
Friday - Mostly cloudy. 20% rain-snow mix. High-near 40.
 More WX at: www.wycli.com

THIS DAY IN HISTORY-January 6

Today is Epiphany, a holy festival observed in many countries, especially in Latin America. Originally, it celebrated both the birth and baptism of Jesus. Since the 300's, the day has signified the meeting of the Wise Men with the child Jesus.

1838 - Samuel F.B. Morse and his partner demonstrated their new invention, the telegraph, publicly for the first time in Morristown, New Jersey.

1880 - Tom Mix, cowboy movie star, was born. He was a U.S. Marshal who took up an acting career. He made over 400 western movies.

1912 - New Mexico became the 47th state on this date.

1924 - Banjo picker Earl Scruggs was born. For many years, he and Lester Flatt had a popular bluegrass group, "Flatt and Scruggs." Scruggs' best known recordings of his banjo playing include "Foggy Mountain Breakdown," "Earl's Breakdown," and "Flint Hill Special." "Foggy Mountain Breakdown" was the theme from "Bonnie & Clyde."

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