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Athens, Tennessee

STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ McMinn E-911 BOARD REJECTS CITY'S OFFER

The McMinn E-911 Board has rejected the City of Athens' offer of \$225,000 to merge their 911 system with that of the county system. The McMinn E-911 Board originally offered to provide the service to the city for \$277,000, but agreed to come down to \$247,000. The Athens City Council voted earlier this week to pay \$225,000, saying that was "fair and proportional." 911 Director Marvin Kelley tells the MORNING FAX™ that one more effort will be made to resolve the differences between the City of Athens and the center. Kelley says that the 911 Board wants consolidation to work.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Travelers Car Club will have a "Cruise-In" in downtown Athens on Saturday. The streets around the Courthouse Square will be closed from 4 to 10 p.m.

✓ The annual Championship Rodeo to benefit the Idlewild Fire Department will be held tonight and Saturday night at 8 p.m. under the covered arena at the Athens Regional Park. The show will feature bull riding, clowns, stick horse races, and mutton bustin' and much more. Tickets are \$7 for ages 5-10 and \$12 for ages 11 and older. Children under 5 get in free.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ More signs of economic weakness triggered a global sell-off in stocks on Thursday. There were reports that more people joined the unemployment line last week, gasoline prices contributed to higher inflation, and manufacturing slowed. The Dow Jones industrial average was down by as much as 528 points at one time. The Dow finished the day down 419.63 points at 10,990.58.

◆ President Obama, the leaders of Britain, France, and Germany, and the European Union have joined together to demand that Syrian President Bashar Assad resign. The leaders say his brutal suppression of his people has made him unfit to lead.

◆ Squads of gunmen armed with heavy weapons and explosives crossed into southern Israel from Egypt on Thursday and attacked buses, cars, and an army patrol. Seven people were killed. Israeli aircraft bombed southern Gaza in retaliation.

◆ A Maryland man being detained in Aruba in the death of his travel partner reportedly tried to claim money from an accidental death insurance policy two days after he reported her missing. Gary Giordano bought a \$1.5 million American Express Travel Insurance policy just before he left for Aruba. The policy covered only the length of his short trip to Aruba with Robyn Gardner, who he said disappeared while they were snorkeling.

SOLD! Bid To Buy **Saturday, Aug. 20th - 6 p.m.** We take **CONSIGNMENTS & GUN CONSIGNMENTS** to sell at auction! For more details call **423-263-4243**

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Church News & Events

- Christ Community Church, 14 S. Congress Parkway, Athens will celebrate its 10th Anniversary this Sunday. Kevin Gregory, who initiated the first worship service and led the church for several months, will be preaching at the Sunday Morning worship service at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Carlos Peterson is the church pastor.

- North Etowah Baptist Church will be a host site for Beth Moore's **Living Proof** live simulcast event on September 10th starting at 9:15 a.m. Tickets are \$10 and that includes lunch and refreshments. For information, call 423-263-5531.

- Athens First Baptist Church Preschool is currently accepting applications for the Fall. School starts Sept. 7. Call Alice Whitted at 423-745-5441.

IT'S HIGH SCHOOL KICK-OFF TIME

The 2011 high school football season opens tonight. McMinn High School will host McMinn Central at 7:30 p.m...Meigs County will host Upperman at 7:30 p.m...East Ridge will play at Walker Valley...and Sweetwater travels to Tellico Plains.

Obituaries

Willis Bettis, age 88, of Sweetwater died Wednesday at Woods Memorial Hospital. He was retired from Plastic Industries of Athens. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Cedar Fork Baptist Church. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Kyker Funeral Home in Sweetwater.

More Community News

✓ The 17th Annual Mid-East Tennessee Regional Fair will be held from August 31st through September 3rd this year. The price for admission has been lowered to \$4. Also, booth space is free this year for vendors, businesses, clubs, and organizations. To reserve a vendor space, call the Fair Office at 423-744-7488.

✓ The Athens City Council has presented its monthly VIVID (Very Important Volunteer Individual) Award to Debbie Mayfield for her work with the Athens Area Council for the Arts, the Kanusita Garden Club, and other community and civic activities.

✓ The Athens Parks Department and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency will offer the Tennessee Hunter Education course field day on September 17th from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Athens Regional Park Conference Center. Call 423-744-2704 for info.

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Friday, August 19th at 8:00 p.m. &
Saturday, August 20th at 8:00 p.m.
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