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Thursday-January 10, 2013

State & Local News

- ◆ **UPDATING THE V.A. CLINIC PROGRESS**
As we reported in The Morning Fax last week, last Friday was the deadline for building owners to submit leasing proposals to the Veterans Administration for a possible location for the V.A.'s new Community Based Outpatient Clinic in Athens. V.A. officials will not tell us how many responses they received. However, V.A. officials do say they will be conducting "site visits" to prospective facilities and locations within the next two weeks.
- ◆ **COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE**
 - ✓ The McMinn County School Board will have its regular monthly meeting tonight at 7 at Calhoun Elementary School. Among other items on the agenda, the Director of Schools and Sheriff Joe Guy will both have reports on school safety concerns. The public is invited to attend.
 - ✓ The Athens Parks and Recreation Department's 28th Annual Daddy-Daughter Dance will be held on February 1 and 2. Tickets will be on sale in the Recreation office and online at www.cityofathensstn.com/parks. For more information on the Daddy- Daughter Dance, contact the Athens Parks and Recreation Department located at 815 North Jackson Street, Mon.-Fri. 8am-5pm at 423-744-2704.

World & National News

- ◆ Hundreds of applicants are interested in the free gun courses aimed at teachers and school administrators in Utah, Texas, North Carolina and Ohio. For qualified applicants, the classes provide gun training and a concealed carry license. More than 900 teachers and administrators have signed-up to take the three-day class from the Buckeye Fire-arms advocacy group in Ohio which is being offered at the Tactical Defense Institute in West Union, Ohio. Hundreds more teachers are undergoing gun training in Utah, Texas and North Carolina as well.
- ◆ A public health emergency has been declared in Boston as the state reported 18 flu-related deaths so far. Free flu vaccines are being offered by the city. According to the most recent weekly flu advisory issued by The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Massachusetts is one of 29 states reporting high levels of "influenza-like illness".
- ◆ Attorney General Eric Holder and the secretaries of Health and Human Services and Veterans Affairs will remain with the Obama administration as it enters a second term. Holder, who leads the Justice Department, and HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and V.A. Secretary Eric Shinseki will remain with the administration amid changes to the Cabinet as President Obama moves into his second term.
- ◆ Labor Secretary Hilda Solis resigned Wednesday from her position in the Obama administration.

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WEATHER
Thursday - Cloudy. Showers, High-mid to upper 60's.
Thurs. night - Mostly cloudy. Showers. Lows - lower 50's.
Friday - Mostly cloudy. Showers. Highs upper 60's.
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Restaurant Inspection Scores

The following Athens restaurants were inspected between December 7th and Dec. 17th:

- TN's Ultimate Stop - 97**
- The Flour Shop - 95**
- Wendy's - 94**
- The Spot - 93**
- Waffle House - 91**
- Jenkins Grille - 91**
- Zaxby's - 89**
- Open Door Cafe - 88**
- Asahi Japanese Grill - 83**

The following Etowah restaurants were inspected on Dec. 13th and 14th:

- Farmhouse Family Restaurant - 92**
- Scotties - 91**
- Tony's Italian Restaurant - 86**

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Obituaries

Zelda Faye Wilkins Ferry, age 83, of Sweetwater and formerly of Englewood, died Tuesday at Parkwest Medical Center. She was a former employee of Etowah Industries. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at Ziegler.

Wednesday's Market Closings

U.S. stocks rose for the first time in two days amid optimism for fourth-quarter earnings results after Alcoa Inc. reported better-than-expected sales. Nearly all equity sectors gained with industrial and health care shares leading the advance. U.S. treasury prices finished the day mixed. The best-performing sector was: Healthcare while the worst-performing sector was: Telecom. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 61.66 at 13,390.51. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 3.87 at 1,461.02, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 14.00 at 3,105.81. Volume on the New York Stock Exchange was 622.86 million shares traded. Advancers outnumbered decliners by roughly a 2 - to - 1 margin. In commodity markets, the spot price of gold fell \$1.45 to \$1,657.80. The spot price of silver fell \$0.01 to \$30.37, and crude oil prices fell \$0.04 to \$93.11. In the bond market, the 30-year Treasury yield closed at 3.07%, and the 10-year Treasury yield finished at 1.86%.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY-January 10

- 1901** - The first major oil strike in Texas was made. The Lucas Well at Spindletop ran wild for nine days when it began gushing.
- 1904** - Actor, singer and dancer Ray Bolger was born. His most famous role was the "Scarecrow" and farm worker, "Hunk" in the Wizard of Oz.
- 1920** - The League of Nations was established as the Treaty of Versailles went into effect. The United States did not join the League. It was dissolved on this date in 1946 to be replaced by the United Nations.
- 1939** - Singer Scott McKenzie was born. In 1967, he recorded a hit record: "San Francisco (Be Sure To Wear Flowers In Your Hair)."
- 1944** - Frank Sinatra, Jr. was born.
- 1945** - Singer Rod Stewart was born.
- 1964** - The Beatles' first album in the United States, "Introducing the Beatles," was released.
- 1967** - Republican Edward W. Brooke of Massachusetts, the first black elected to the U.S. Senate by popular vote, took his seat.
- 2000** - America Online agreed to buy Time-Warner for \$162 billion. Time-Warner decided to spin off AOL in 2009.
- 2003** - North Korea withdrew from a global treaty barring it from making nuclear weapons.
- 2005** - CBS issued a damning independent review of mistakes related to a "60 Minutes Wednesday" report on President George W. Bush's National Guard service.
- 2007** - President George W. Bush announced he would send a "surge" of 21,500 U.S. forces to Iraq.
- 2011** - A judge ordered former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay to serve three years in prison for his role in a scheme to illegally funnel corporate money to Texas candidates in 2002. DeLay remains free on bond as he appeals.