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Athens, Tennessee

Monday-January 28, 2013

Local and State News

◆ LATEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATES RELEASED

The State of Tennessee says that December unemployment rates rose in 93 counties and decreased in only 2. In McMinn County, the unemployment rate was 9.0% in December, up from 8.3% in November. In Meigs County, the jobless rate in December was 9.9%, up from 9.0% in November. In Monroe County, unemployment in December was 9.9%, up from 9.1% in November.

◆ UCBI CLOSING ATHENS BRANCH BANK

The United Community Bank will be closing their Athens branch at 5 p.m. on Friday, February 1st. Their branch in Loudon will also be closing. The bank says they will continue operating a branch in Madisonville, Tellico Village, Lenoir City, Farragut, and Cleveland.



NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ In southern Brazil early Sunday, flames raced through a crowded nightclub killing more than 230 people. Panicked partygoers stampeded toward a single exit which was partially blocked by those already dead. It could be the world's deadliest fire in a nightclub in more than a decade.

◆ According to Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan, the commander in chief does not have a full grasp of the budget problems facing the U.S. economy. Ryan believes the president actually doesn't think we have a fiscal crisis, and that President Obama has been reportedly saying to our leaders that we don't have a spending problem, we have a healthcare problem. Ryan concluded in an interview on Sunday that Obama just thinks we ought to have more government-run healthcare and rationing.

◆ Relatives of a New York City woman, Sarai Sierra, who disappeared during a vacation to Turkey, are heading to Istanbul to look for her. Sierra had been in Istanbul on her own since January 7. Her family was in touch with her last Monday, the day she was to return home. There hasn't been any contact with her since.

◆ A railroad bridge in Vicksburg, Mississippi, was hit by a barge carrying 80,000 gallons of oil on Sunday, spilling light crude into the Mississippi River and closing the waterway for eight miles in each direction.



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Monday, January 28, 2013

Athens, Tennessee

Property Transfers

From January 1st 2012 to January 1st 2013 there was 338 verifiable sales of single family residential properties in McMinn County for a total sales price volume of \$34,455,382, the median sales price was \$85,025. Between January 1st 2011 to January 1st 2012 there was 313 verifiable sales for a total sales price volume of \$31,308,239 with a median sales price of \$84,500. This suggests a total sales price volume increase of ~9% for the year. The median sales price increased by a modest 1% over last year.

Between December 1st 2012 and January 1st 2013 there was 23 verifiable sales of single family residential properties in McMinn County for a total sales volume of \$2,380,324. The medium sales price was \$81,000. During the same time period one year ago there were 20 sales for a total sales volume of \$2,299,430 with a median sales price of \$100,950.

518 Athens Pike	Etowah	\$5,000
297 CR 322	Sweetwater	\$20,000
295 CR 313	Sweetwater	\$23,000
320 CR 135	Athens	\$26,000
940 CR 264	Niota	\$36,100
402 Lynman	Athens	\$37,000
1072 CR 250	Athens	\$48,000
828 Topoca Trl	Athens	\$58,500
2430 CR 750	Calhoun	\$68,900
367 CR 890	Etowah	\$79,900

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Property Transfers Cont'd

117 Buck Brown St	Englewood	\$80,000
513 Longmill Rd	Athens	\$81,000
106 Spence St	Athens	\$95,000
119 CR 244	Athens	\$112,000
1318 Pennsylvania Ave	Etowah	\$119,900
110 CR 452	Athens	\$129,900
264 Fyke Drive	Athens	\$139,924
506 Fairway Dr	Athens	\$140,000
808 Oakland	Athens	\$154,000
103 CR 723	Athens	\$156,500
121 CR 1150	Riceville	\$230,000
2190 CR 700	Riceville	\$247,200
638 CR 875	Etowah	\$292,500

Data provided by Tennessee Valley Appraisal Services
Athens, Tennessee. www.tvasinc.com

FRIDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks ended the day higher, extending the S&P 500's streak to 8 sessions and continuing the index's longest run since 2004. The DOW gained 246.3 points, or 1.7% for the week. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 70.65 at 13,895.98. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 8.14 at 1,502.96, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 19.33 at 3,149.71. In commodity markets: The spot price of gold fell \$9.40 to \$1,658.55. The spot price of silver fell \$0.46 to \$31.20, and crude oil prices rose \$0.09 to \$96.04.

Obituaries:

Russell Scott Bronson, age 93, of Athens, died Wednesday at Athens Regional Medical Center. He served during WWII in the U.S. Navy and later worked as an electrical engineer. A full military honors memorial service will be held in Massachusetts at a later date. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Elizabeth McConaghy Stansberry, age 90, of Athens, died Saturday at Life Care of Athens. She was a lifetime member of VFW Auxillary Post 5146 and was active at McMinn Senior Center. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Wed. at the National Cemetery in Chattanooga with Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in charge.

J.V. (John) Pratt, age 80, of Athens, died Friday at his home. He served in the National Guard and Air Force and had worked at Bowater and for Roadway Express. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Coghill Cemetery with military honors. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mancel "Mac" McKinney, age 82, of Athens, died Sunday at Athens Regional Medical Center. He was the owner of McKinney Excavating company for many years. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at First Baptist Church of Athens with visitation from 4-7 p.m. at the church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY-January 28

1878 - The first commercial telephone switchboard went into operation in New Haven, Connecticut. It initially served 12 subscribers.

1915 - The Coast Guard was created by an act of Congress.

1959 - Vince Lombardi was named head coach of the NFL's Green Bay Packers.

1986 - A major tragedy in the American space program took place when the space shuttle Challenger exploded over the Atlantic, 73 seconds after lift-off. The shuttle plunged in a fiery ball into the sea. All seven crew members were killed, including Christa McAuliffe, who would have been the first school teacher in space. The explosion was later blamed on faulty O-rings.

2006 - Clint Eastwood became the 31st filmmaker in 70 years of Directors Guild of America (DGA) history to be given the organization's Lifetime Achievement Award.