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State & Local News

◆ CITY COUNCIL TO HAVE CALLED MEETING

The Athens City Council will consider a revised resolution for the closure and abandonment of the entire section of Piper Road from Layman Road to Congress Parkway. The purpose would allow Don Ledford Auto Park to expand their business. The meeting will be at 5 p.m. today in the City Hall Training Room.

◆ PEOPLE IN THE NEWS:

~ Voters in Chattanooga have chosen former state Senator **Andy Burke** as their new mayor. He got 72% of the vote.

~ The Calhoun City Commission has chosen **Marlene Miller** to be the new Calhoun city manager.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The McMinn County Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting tonight at 7 p.m. at E.K. Baker Elementary School. Special guests include the 2013 Spelling Bee winners. The public is invited to attend.

✓ The public is invited to meet the "Sisters With Artistic Attitudes" at an opening reception for an exhibit of art quilts titled "With a Little Help From My Friends." The reception will be Friday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at The Arts Center. Light refreshments will be served. *Harpeth Rising* will perform afterwards at 7:30. The exhibit will remain on display through April 30th.

World & National News

◆ A convoy of U.N. peacekeepers have been siezed by Syrian rebels near the Golan Heights. The rebels say they will hold them captive until President Bashar al-Assad's forces pull back from a rebel-held village which has seen heavy recent fighting. Rebel videos announced the capture on the Internet and the United Nations confirmed this on Wednesday claiming about 20 peacekeepers had been detained.

◆ Legislation to prevent a government shutdown at the end of the month and give the Pentagon some relief from a cash crunch that's harming military readines was approved by the House. This spending measure would fund federal operations through September 1st and provide budget relief for military readiness, veterans' health programs, embassy security and the FBI. Most of the rest of the government would be put on a budget autopilot.

◆ Kentucky Senator Rand Paul drew Republicans and Democrats alike to the Senate floor for an hours-long filibuster of President Obama's nomination of John Brennan to lead the CIA. Paul opposes the President's use of drone strikes against Americans.

◆ A surging number of "patriot" groups have increased since the gun control debate after the Newtown, Connecticut school shooting. According to researchers, since 2008, groups have increased from 149 to 1360 today.

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Prom Ministry Formalwear Shop
March 16 - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Prom Formal Wear at no cost for any girl or guy wishing to attend their prom
Christ Community Church - 14 S Congress Pkwy
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Restaurant Inspection Scores

The following restaurants in Decatur and Calhoun were inspected recently. A grade of 70 or above is passing.

Hardee's, Calhoun - 94

Shoreline Cafe, 18194 Highway 58 N., Decatur - 90

ENDANGERED PLACES

The East Tennessee Preservation Alliance has issued its annual list of endangered historic buildings and places. In Southeast Tennessee: The former Tennessee Military Institute in Sweetwater, the central business district of Lenoir City, and the Old Monroe Health Department/Legion Hall in Madisonville.



REMINDER: Daylight Saving Time returns this weekend. Before going to bed Saturday night, turn your clock forward one hour!! (Spring Forward)

Proceeds Benefit **United Way**



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Today In History - March 7

1849 - The famous American botanist Luther Burbank was born. He developed many new trees, flowers, fruits, and vegetables by "crossing" two plants with each other to produce a third. His creations included the "plumcot," a cross between a plum and apricot, and the "pomato," a cross between a potato and a tomato.

1875 - French composer Maurice Ravel was born. He's best known for "Bolero."

1876 - Alexander Graham Bell got a patent for a mighty important invention--the telephone.

1948 - Singer "Little Peggy March" was born. Her biggest hit record was "I Will Follow You," a number one record in 1963.

1970 - A total solar eclipse swept from southern Mexico up the eastern seaboard of the United States and past the maritime provinces of Canada. Warnings were issued to not look at it with unprotected eyes.

HEAR HERE CAL THOMAS Commentary 11:40 a.m. & 5:15 p.m. Weekdays



WEATHER

Thursday - Mostly sunny. High-in the low 50's.

Thurs. night - Mostly clear. Low-in the low 30's.

Friday - Sunny. High-in the upper 50's to near 60.

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