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Thursday-March 21, 2013

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State & Local News

◆ WHAT IS "OPERATION STOPWATCH?"

Suspense is building over word that a new company will be locating in the new Mt. Verd Industrial Park off Highway 305. The project is code-named "Operation Stopwatch." It involves getting gas mains, sewer lines, a road, and other infrastructure in place at the industrial park on a fast-track. At this point, the name of the company is being kept closely guarded. Athens City Councilman Dick Pelley says the company is expected to make an announcement within the next two or three weeks. Several sources say the company is some type of auto parts supplier, but that is all they'll say until the company makes the official announcement.

◆ IT'S EASTER EGG HUNTING TIME

The annual City of Athens Easter Egg Hunt will be held this Saturday at 12 noon at the Athens Regional Park. Over 12,000 eggs will be placed on the grounds at the front of the park. The hunt is open to ages 12 and under. As usual, there will be prize eggs. The grand prize is a 32-inch flat screen television.

The 2nd annual Hippy Hoppity Spring Festival and Egg Hunt will be this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Meigs County Fairgrounds in Decatur.

World & National News

◆ NASA's Voyager 1 spacecraft has left the solar system forever, according to a new study. Voyager 1 blasted off on Sept. 5, 1977 and has apparently exited the sun's sphere of influence, and scientists still don't know for sure whether the probe has entered interstellar space or a mysterious in-between region beyond the solar system. It's outside the normal heliosphere in a new region.

◆ Bills that require background checks for private and online gun sales and ban ammunition magazines that hold more than 15 rounds were signed Wednesday by Gov. John Hickenlooper of Colorado. The bills place new restrictions on firearms and signaled a change for Democrats who traditionally shied away from gun control debate in Colorado.

◆ According to economists, deep government spending cuts are unlikely to weigh on employment as heavily as initially feared. Most of the impact will reduce hours worked rather than payrolls.

◆ During President Obama's first visit to Israel, he called the U.S. Israel's "greatest friend," and assured the Middle East ally of his administration's commitment to Israel's security. Israeli President Shimon Peres welcomed Obama stating that "A world without America's leadership, without her moral voice, would be a darker world."

Cedar Springs United Methodist Church SPRING FLING SAT., MARCH 23RD 7AM - 12 NOON

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Property Transfers

Between 02/1/2013 to 3/01/2013 there was 22 verifiable sales of single family homes in McMinn County, the total sales price volume was \$2,314,500 with a median sales price of \$84,500. During the same time period one year ago there was 29 verifiable sales for a total sales price of \$2,456,401 with a median sales price of \$75,000.

297 CR 351	Niota	\$20,000
627 Harris St	Athens	\$28,000
300 Pope St	Athens	\$29,600
236 CR 813	Etowah	\$30,000
525 Jackson St	Etowah	\$32,000
251 CR 38	Riceville	\$45,000
1525 Madison Ave	Athens	\$53,000
314 CR 408	Englewood	\$54,000
374 Hwy 307	Athens	\$62,500
1412 Tellico Ave E	Athens	\$63,000
167 CR 966	Calhoun	\$84,000
307 Berger St	Athens	\$85,000
1329 Ridgeway Cir	Athens	\$85,100
826 Smith Crt	Etowah	\$105,000

Property Transfers (Continued)

171 CR 103	Athens	\$110,000
505 Long Mill Rd	Athens	\$138,000
105 CR 722	Athens	\$140,500
256 CR 115	Athens	\$169,900
200A CR 439	Athens	\$200,000
120 CR 452	Athens	\$229,900
1076 CR 264	Niota	\$230,000
255 CR 110	Athens	\$320,000

Data provided by Tennessee Valley Appraisal Services.

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OBITUARIES: Robert Dilbeck, age 61, of Niota died Wednesday at UT Medical Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. Stocks advanced and bond prices declined after the Federal Reserve announced it will continue its bond buying program even as the economic recovery picks up. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 55.91 at 14,511.73. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 10.37 at 1,558.71, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 25.09 at 3,254.19.

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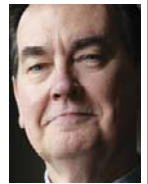
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 11:40 a.m. &
 5:15 p.m.
 Weekdays



WEATHER

Thursday - Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid to upper 40s.

Thurs. night - Mostly cloudy. Chance of flurries after midnight. Lows upper 20s to lower 30s.

Friday - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s to lower 50s. More Weather & Zoom Radar at:

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