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Local and State News

◆ ANDERSON STEPS DOWN

Jerry Anderson has resigned as the McMinn County Property Assessor. Anderson was indicted by the McMinn County Grand Jury earlier this month on charges of theft and official misconduct for using county gasoline to gas up his personal vehicle when he was not on official business. His resignation was effective as of 4 p.m. last Thursday. The McMinn County Commission will hold a special meeting at noon this Friday to discuss how to fill the vacancy. Meantime, the property assessor's office will remain open and continue normal day-to-day operations. The County Commission will appoint someone to fill the vacancy until next September 1st. The procedure calls for anyone interested in the property assessor's office to run in the county primary next May. The general election will take place in August. The winner will serve the remaining two years of Anderson's term until 2016.

◆ CALHOUN NATIVE HURT IN PLANE CRASH

A former resident of Calhoun and his wife escaped serious injuries last Friday when their Cessna 210 made a crash landing in a park near Amarillo, Texas. Joe Max Shelton, 74, and his wife, Sally, were on their way from Memphis to New Mexico when the plane had mechanical problems and crash-landed, bringing down power lines in the process. Shelton is a prominent Memphis lawyer. He grew up in Calhoun, where he was known as Joe Max, graduated from UT law school and has practiced law in Memphis for many decades. (See photos in the column to the right)

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ A year after Superstorm Sandy, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie blames Congress and a thicket of red tape for delays in aid reaching victims.

◆ The operator of the Vortex ride that injured five people at the North Carolina State Fair last week has been charged with three counts of assault with a deadly weapon for tampering with the ride.

◆ German media report that President Obama was informed of phone tapping against German Chancellor Angela Merkel, but did nothing to stop it.

◆ WEEKEND FOOTBALL SCORES:

The MCHS Cherokees defeated Walker Valley, 32 to 0, Harriman beat Meigs County, 38-20 & the Vols were flattened by Alabama, 45-10.




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WEATHER

Monday - Mostly Cloudy, 20% chance of rain, high of 70

Monday night - Mostly Cloudy, low of 51

Tuesday - Partly Sunny, high of 73

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"Trick-or-Treat" with TWC

Tennessee Wesleyan College will host "Trick-or-Treat at TWC" tomorrow, Oct. 29th, from 7 to 9 p.m. on the college's Wesley Commons Lawn. The event provides community children with a safe environment for free Halloween activities and candy. TWC students will interact with the children at various games and activities. Parents and their children are invited to dress up and come enjoy the free Halloween festivities. The annual costume contest will also be held. The photo to the right shows last year's grand prize costume winner dressed as a vampire.



Obituaries

Mary Ruth Buckner, age 75, of Athens died last Thursday at Athens Regional Medical Center. She had been a teacher in the Monroe County School System. Funeral services were held this past Saturday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

Clyde Edward "Pooky" Humphrey, age 43, of Athens died last Thursday at Athens Regional Medical Center. He was an employee of Coca-Cola. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in Hammonds Cemetery. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

Mary Sue Minish, age 89, of Athens died Saturday at NHC of Athens. Graveside services will be at 12 noon Monday at Cedar Grove Cemetery, with visitation from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home.

James "Jim" Leland Anderson, age 77, of Etowah died last Friday at his home. He was the retired owner and pharmacist of Anderson Drug Store. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Monday at North Etowah Baptist Church, with visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. at the church. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

Nancy Varnell Buttram, age 66, of Hixson died last Thursday at her home. Her father was Dr. Sam Varnell, former pastor at Keith Memorial United Methodist Church. She was the sister-in-law of Athens Mayor Hal Buttram. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Hixson United Methodist Church, with visitation from 4 to 6:30 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Legacy Funeral Home of Soddy-Daisy is in charge of arrangements.

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1636 - Harvard College was founded in Massachusetts. Now Harvard University, it is the oldest university in the U.S.

1886 - The Statue of Liberty was officially inaugurated on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor. It was a gift from France to the United States.

1914 - Jonas Salk was born. He is noted for being the first person to develop a vaccine to prevent polio.

1928 - A fellow named Dick Barstow walked 4½ miles on the tips of his toes, without stopping. He claimed he tip-toed a total of 25,000 miles during his lifetime.

1936 - Country singer and fiddle-player Charlie Daniels was born. His 1979 recording "The Devil Went Down To Georgia" won the country music single of the year award.

1972 - Country singer Brad Paisley was born.

1974 - Actor Joaquin Phoenix was born. He played the role of Johnny Cash in the movie, "Walk the Line."

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