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Friday-November 15, 2013

Athens, Tennessee

LOCAL & AREA NEWS

◆ **16 APPLY FOR PROPERTY ASSESSOR'S POST**

A total of 16 people have applied for the job of interim McMinn County Property Assessor. The position came open after the recent resignation of former assessor Jerry Anderson. The applicants in alphabetical order are: Jeremy Brack, Stephanie Bucy, Jeffery Eastman, Joe Fufts, Jane Glass, Daniel Henderson, Troy Huff, Johnny Johnson, Benjamin Linkous, Radley Lockmiller, Precious Mayfield, Keith Price, Stephanie Ring, Roy Rogers, and Sherry Tallent. The McMinn County Commissioners will interview the applicants at the start of their monthly meeting this coming Monday at 6:30 p.m., and then will likely choose the interim assessor. The person selected will serve until September 1, 2014.

◆ **COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**

✓ The Athens Parks and Recreation Department announces that the park restrooms at Knox Park, Heritage Park, Cook Park, Fisher Field, and the Regional Park Lake Pavilion will be closed for the winter effective next Monday, November 18th. The restrooms are not heated and are subject to freezing. The trail head restroom, the playground restroom and the concession stand restrooms at Regional Park will remain open throughout the winter.

NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS

◆ President Obama announced that health insurance companies are no longer required to kick people off their coverage if it doesn't meet Obamacare's new standards. The president is offering a one-year "grandfather" extension for the plans. Between 7 million and 12 million Americans would likely have received cancellation notices for 2014 because their plans did not meet the minimum coverage requirements set up under the new Obamacare law.

◆ A British contractor, Dylan Davies, whose contested eyewitness account of the assault on the U.S. compound in Benghazi, Libya, has caused a firestorm. Davis sent an email to the publisher of his new book telling them he was going into seclusion. Davies said someone had threatened to harm his family if he continued to defend his account of events in Benghazi to the media.

◆ In Tacloban, Philippines, sweating workers have lowered hundreds of plastic coffins one by one into a grave the size of an Olympic swimming pool. Scores of unidentified bodies were interred together Thursday in a hillside cemetery without any ritual. This is the first mass burial in Tacloban, the city that was virtually destroyed by last week's Typhoon Haiyan.

◆ A Chevron pipeline exploded Thursday near Midland, Texas, a small town south of Dallas. The liquefied petroleum gas shot flames high in the air and prompted evacuations from nearby homes and a school district. No injuries were reported.

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Church News & Events

- Boyd Memorial Church of God on Highway 11 North, Athens, will have a free Community Thanksgiving Dinner Saturday from 4 to 6:30 p.m.
- The Outreach Ministry of St. Mark AME Zion Church, 707 North Jackson Street, Athens, will have a mid-day revival Saturday from noon until 2 p.m. The theme is "Wrangler Roundup." The guest speaker will be Rev. Leuty McDermott from Madisonville and there will be special music. You're invited to wear your western attire.
- Salem Baptist Church in Ten Mile will have a Revival and Youth Conference November 17-24. Services start each evening, Monday-Friday, at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 5 p.m.
- Cedar Springs United Methodist Church will have its Biannual Breakfast, Bake & Yard Sale on Saturday, November 23rd, from 7 a.m. to Noon. There will be baked goods, crafts, canned goods, a hot breakfast, hand-crafted quilts and fleece blankets and yard sale items. The church is the white church on the top of the hill where Sweetfield Valley Road and Cedar Springs Road intersect.

Obituaries

Gene Farris, age 83 of Athens died Thursday at his home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Investors were encouraged and sent the Dow Jones Industrial Average and S&P 500 to new records. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 54.59. at 15,876.22. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 8.62 at 1,790.62 and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 7.16 at 3,972.14.

- ◆ **MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**
 - ✓ The City of Athens 2013 Fundamental Basketball League is looking for anyone wishing to coach or volunteer to take part in the League. Each volunteer must complete an application and will be required to pass a background check and complete a free training course. The deadline to apply is December 2nd. Call 744-2704.
 - ✓ The McMinn County Commission will hold its monthly meeting this Monday, November 18th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Blue Room of the Courthouse. The Emergency Services Committee will meet at 6 p.m. to approve fire truck bids.

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