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Wednesday, February 19, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ DEADLINE LOOMS FOR QUALIFYING

Thursday noon is the deadline for submitting petitions to qualify as a candidate in the May 6th county primary. Major offices include sheriff, highway commissioner, trustee, general sessions judge, criminal court judge, and district attorney. The McMinn Election Commission will meet at 1 p.m. to certify the petitions.

◆ DEMOLITION BEGINS AT FIRST BAPTIST

Work crews are currently in the process of demolishing the center portion of the Athens First Baptist Church building. The center portion is the oldest building in the complex. It will be replaced with a three-story atrium and a new structure adjacent to the atrium building.



NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ At least nine people are reported killed and many injured because of violent battles in Kiev, Ukraine between anti-government demonstrators and police. The violence erupted after the opposition accused the government of ignoring its demands. Ukraine President Viktor Yanukovich froze ties last November with the EU in exchange for a \$15 billion cash bailout from Russia.

◆ Iran says they will not buckle to pressure from the U.S. and five other world powers to scrap any of its nuclear facilities. Lack of an agreement would leave Iran struggling under the weight of harsh economic sanctions and a threat of military strikes by Israel, who sees Iran's nuclear program as an unacceptable security threat primarily designed to develop nuclear weapons.

◆ Anders Behring Breivik, convicted Norwegian mass killer, says he will go on a hunger strike unless he gets access to better video games, a sofa, and a larger gym. Breivik, is serving a 21-year prison sentence for killing eight people in a bombing at a government building and 69 more in a shooting spree at the left-wing Labor party's youth camp in 2011.

◆ Former U.S. Rep. Mel Reynolds has been arrested in Zimbabwe for allegedly possessing pornography and violating immigration laws.

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"Bridal Open House"
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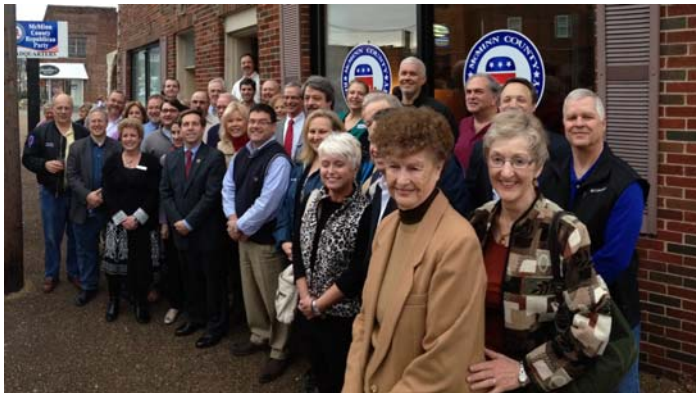
Interested candidates should apply online at www.randstadstaffing.com using keyword 5_211874.EEOC



Athens, Tennessee

GOP OFFICE OPENS

The McMinn County Republican Party held the Grand Opening of its headquarters on Monday. The office is located at 113 E. Madison Ave. in downtown Athens.



◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce's "Business Before Hours" will be Thursday from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Center for Servant Leadership located on Dwayne Farmer Drive on the TWC campus.
- ✓ The Athens City Council will conduct a budget work session tomorrow beginning at 5 p.m. in the Athens Municipal Building Training Room.
- ✓ The Medic Regional Bloodmobile will be at Starr Regional Medical Center, Etowah, today from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Obituaries

Emma Sue Watson Stanfill Hughes, age 88, of Athens died last Sunday at Starr Regional Medical Center, Athens. She was a former employee of Ridge Textile and was retired from Athens Products. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

James Edgar Moore, age 70, of Philadelphia, died Tuesday at Sweetwater Hospital. He's survived locally by a sister and her husband, Janie & Fred Burkett of Niota. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Cedar Fork Cemetery with Loudon Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: In economic news, data released Tuesday showed manufacturing in New York, northern New Jersey and southern Connecticut slowed this month. U.S. bonds closed higher for the day. Volume on the New York Stock Exchange was moderate, with 671.38 million shares traded. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 23.99 at 16,130.40. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 2.13 at 1,840.76, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 28.76 at 4,272.78. **In commodity markets:** Gold fell \$6.45 to \$1,322.35. Silver rose \$0.28 to \$21.97, and crude oil prices rose \$2.40 to \$102.70 per barrel.

COUNTING IT DOWN!

As of today, there are just 29 days left until the start of Spring. Spring begins on March 20th.

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TODAY IN HISTORY - FEBRUARY 19

- 1878** - Thomas Edison received a patent for his gramophone, the forerunner of the phonograph.
- 1881** - Kansas became the first state to prohibit all alcoholic beverages.
- 1942** - President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order giving the military the authority to relocate and intern Japanese-Americans.
- 1945** - Some 30,000 U.S. Marines landed on Iwo Jima and began a month-long battle to seize control of the island from Japanese forces during World War II.
- 1997** - Deng Xiaoping, the last of China's major Communist revolutionaries, died in Beijing at age 92.
- 2004** - Former Enron Corp. chief executive Jeffrey Skilling was charged with fraud and insider trading in connection with the energy traders collapse.
- 2010** - The FBI concluded that Army scientist Bruce Ivins acted alone in the 2001 anthrax mailings that killed five people, and formally closed the case.



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