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Local and Area News

◆ **COUNCIL APPROVES SUMNER CONTRACT**
The Athens City Council has agreed on a contract for Seth Sumner as the new City Manager. The contract calls for a starting salary of \$90,000. Sumner is currently the assistant city manager in Savannah, Tennessee. If he agrees to the contract, he will have to give a two-week notice to the City of Savannah. That means his starting date as the Athens City Manager would probably be February 1st or later.

◆ **McMINN SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER DIES**
Johnna Hampton, a member of the McMinn County School Board, has died. Ms. Hampton was 51. She died Tuesday at the UT Medical Center where she was being prepared for a lung transplant. (See obituary information on Page Two).

◆ **UPDATE ON C&D TIRES**
C&D Tires was one of several businesses that were destroyed or badly damaged by the November 30th tornado. Their building on S. White Street was heavily damaged and the decision was made that it would be less expensive to tear it down and rebuild. Manager Chuck Lillard (in photo) says it will be several months before the new bigger and better building will be completed. Meantime, C&D is operating temporarily from a building on South Congress Parkway across from the Dairy Barn and next to Ritchie Tractor. Their phone number is 745-5560. (Photo by Cheri Harrison)



National-World News

◆ Effective immediately, James Woolsey is no longer a Senior Advisor to President-Elect Trump or his Transition Team. Woolsey, who served as CIA director under President Bill Clinton, joined President-elect Donald Trump's campaign as a senior adviser in September.

◆ The Pentagon on Thursday announced four more detainees from Guantanamo Bay will be transferred to Saudi Arabia. This leaves only 55 detainees in the prison. All four detainees were approved or recommended for transfer by multiple departments and agencies that make up the Periodic Review Board. The four individuals are the first of what could be 17 to 19 transfers in the final days of the Obama administration.

◆ **COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**

- ✓ The McMinn County Historical Society holds its first meeting of 2017 this Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Court House. Fred Underdown, President, says the guest speaker will Dr. Vicki Rozema, the author of three books on Cherokee history. Her topic will be Science, Technology, and the Cherokee Removal.
- ✓ The Visual Arts Committee of the Athens Area Council for the Arts is seeking submissions from regional college art students for a juried exhibit to be on display at The Arts Center in Athens from February 20th through April 7th. The deadline for submitting work for consideration is February 3rd. For more information, call 745-8781.

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Church News and Events

~ Voice of Deliverance Ministry will have their annual revival from January 11th to the 13th. Services begin at 7:30 nightly. The revivalist for the three nights will be Superintendent James Summers, pastor of Restoration and Deliverance in Morrow, Georgia. The church is located at 520 Old Riceville Road in Athens.

~ Jones Chapel United Methodist Church will hold its 2017 Ladies Conference on January 14th. The conference is titled "Holding on to the Lord." The conference guest speaker will be Beth Burkey of GodSong Ministries. For more information, call 920-1236 or 368-5480.

~ The Teen Challenge Choir will be featured at the Second Sunday Singing this Sunday at 6 p.m. at Wesley Memorial Church of Etowah, 923 Ohio Avenue. There will be inspiring songs and stories of freedom from addiction.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ The Etowah Arts Commission announces it's upcoming exhibit "Everything County," featuring paintings by Claudia Walker of Sweetwater. The exhibit will run from January 12th through March 31st in the Nancy Cantrell Dender Gallery, 700 Tennessee Avenue, Etowah. Her paintings reflect a love of the landscape, and the structures, people, and animals that inhabit the Tennessee countryside. She loves to preserve in her paintings old barns and equipment left to rot and rust. The gallery hours are Thursdays and Fridays, noon to 6 p.m. Her painting "Red Barn" is shown to the right. ➔

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