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Thursday, January 12, 2023

Athens, Tennessee

Kittle Sentenced to Prison

◆ Jason Kittle, who pleaded guilty last year to embezzling nearly a million dollars from Volunteer Energy Cooperative, was sentenced to 17 years in prison yesterday. He also was ordered to make restitution to VEC in the amount \$981,981.32. He was immediately taken into custody after the sentence was pronounced. The money was stolen between June 2011 and December 2017. The theft was discovered when VEC launched a new accounting system in 2018. Kittle was prosecuted by 9th District Attorney General Russell Johnson as the crimes were committed in Meigs County, which is in the 9th District. Photo courtesy of the Tennessee Comptroller's Office. Other Morning Fax editions that contain articles about the case include:



wxi.net/morningfax/2022-1004.pdf AND wxi.net/morningfax/2020-0826.pdf

The HomeVets, Dr. Les Moss and Dr. Averi Simpson, notified the Morning Fax that their telephone answering service has been restored after a recent fire. The toll free number is: 800-529-5815.

Community News You Can Use

✓ Due to circumstances that just occurred, the Downtown Planning meeting scheduled for Friday, January 13th at 9 am has been changed to Tuesday, January 24th at 5:30 pm. Same Location: 3 West College Street, event space @ white street market.

◆ **IN-N-OUT COMING TO TENNESSEE:** Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee, Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Stuart McWhorter and In-N-Out Burger officials today announced the company's plan to invest \$125.5 million to establish an eastern territory office in Franklin, Tennessee, which represents In-N-Out's first expansion east of Texas. The project will create 277 new jobs in Williamson County. Construction on its 100,000-square-foot office building will begin by late 2024, with construction slated to be complete by 2026. The eastern territory office will house positions that support various business functions, from operations management to HR and IT. California's first "drive-thru" hamburger stand, In-N-Out was founded in 1948 by Harry and Esther Snyder and is still owned and operated by the Snyder family. In-N-Out still makes its own 100% American beef patties from whole chucks, all burgers are made-to-order, French fries are made from fresh, whole potatoes hand-diced minutes before enjoyed, shakes are made with real ice cream, and nothing is ever frozen or microwaved. Governor Bill Lee stated, "I'm proud to welcome In-N-Out Burger, an iconic American brand, to the Volunteer State. Tennessee's unmatched business climate, skilled workforce and central location make our state the ideal place for this family-run company to establish its first eastern United States hub. We thank In-N-Out for planting roots in Williamson County and creating new jobs for Tennesseans."

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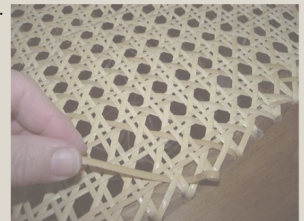
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Obituaries

Chuck "Chucky" Vaughn Letner, age 55, of Ten Mile, passed away on Sunday, January 8th. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

TODAY IN HISTORY - JAN 12th

1628 - Charles Perrault, author of "Cinderella" and "Sleeping Beauty," was born in Paris. He also wrote "Little Red Riding Hood" and "Tom Thumb." His writings were published in a book titled "Tales of Mother Goose."

1915 - The U.S. House of Representatives rejected, 204-174, a proposed constitutional amendment to give women nationwide the right to vote.

1959 - Berry Gordy Jr. founded Motown Records (originally Tamla Records) in Detroit.

1965 - The music variety show "Hullabaloo" premiered on NBC-TV with host-of-the-week Jack Jones; guests included Joey Heatherton, the New Christy Minstrels and Woody Allen.

1991 - A deeply divided Congress gave President George H.W. Bush the authority to use force to expel Iraq from Kuwait. (The Senate vote was 52-47; the House followed suit 250-183.)

2000 - In a 5-4 decision, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Illinois v. Wardlow*, gave police broad authority to stop and question people who run at the sight of an officer.

Wednesday's Market Report

◆ Equities finished higher. Bonds gained as well, pushing rates lower. The 10-year Treasury yield moved below 3.6%. Global markets were also higher. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 268.91 to 33,971.03. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 50.36 to 3,969.61 and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 189.04 to 10931.67.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE

Weekly Summary: 01/01/23 - 01/07/2023

Cases per day and deaths per day are not available.

Tennessee: 2,451,618 Total Cases 28,669 Total Deaths

| COUNTY | CASES | DEATHS |
|---------|--------|--------|
| McMinn | 19,456 | 283 |
| Meigs | 4,078 | 62 |
| Monroe | 17,708 | 271 |
| Polk | 5,533 | 89 |
| Bradley | 38,146 | 447 |
| Rhea | 11,533 | 168 |

Covid-19 update information from the Tennessee Department of Health is updated on Saturday and posted to their website each Wednesday.



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