

LOCAL & AREA NEWS TAX NOTICES TO BE LATE THIS YEAR

Athens Finance Director Brad Harris says that the city will not be able to mail property tax notices this year until they are received from the state printing office. Most governments were unable to pass a budget until late this year, which has delayed the property tax notices as well. Harris says that the city will not be able to receive any tax payments until all of the tax information is received from the state. Meanwhile, McMinn County Trustee Phil Tuggle says that the county has implemented a partial payment plan to help taxpayers with their county taxes. The county will now let you make up to 5 payments and there will be no interest or penalty if the final payment is made by February 28th. More information is available online: www.mcminncountytn.gov or at www.tennesseetrustee.com

✓ The Athens Area Community Choir is still seeking new members to sing in a special Christmas Concert this year. Rehersals will be held this evening at 6 p.m. at the Agape Center at the AOH Church of God, 501 Ohio Avenue, in Athens. Everyone is welcome to sing in this non-denominational choir. For more information, contact Pervice Hardaway at 423-368-4203.

ETOWAH CHURCH OF CHRIST HOMECOMING OCT. 10th

9:30am-Sunday School; 10:30am- Worship; Lunch in Fellowship Hall *Everyone is Welcome* ! 500 Athens Pike, Etowah





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I would deeply appreciate your complimentary vote on November 2.

MORE LOCAL & AREA NEWS

♦ A Bradley County couple, David and Cheri Ellis, still can't believe what happened to their home last week. Their daughters had just gone upstairs to their bedroom, when a 6-point buck jumped through a window and began a destructive rampage. He rammed his antlers through walls and furniture. While Cheri Ellis called for help, David Ellis grabbed a gun and started firing. The deer caused thousands of dollars worth of damage, including a lot of blood stains.

◆ A Cleveland, Tennessee man, James Schmidlin, age 40, has been charged with making an arson threat against Democratic U.S. Representative, John Boccieri of Ohio. The federal indictment says that Schmidlin threatened to burn-down Boccieri's house. Rep. Boccieri was 1 of 8 Democrats who changed their mind and voted for Obama's healthcare plan.

• Just in case you didn't see it....here's a photo by Jay Thomson of the Goodyear Blimp flying over the Hillsview area of McMinn County on Saturday. Others reported seeing it over Congress Parkway in Athens.





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DECATUR FESTIVAL OF LIFE

Many folks attended the Decatur Festival of Life on Saturday.

Even "Sparky" made an appearance in the Decatur Fire Department's 1938 Model Chevrolet Fire Pumper. Also on display was a new 2011 Ford F-350/Extendobed First Responder and Personnel carrier.





It replaces a Ford Expedition which carried the same number of personnel, but had very limited space for equipment. (Photos by Jay Thomson)

FOOTBALL RECAP: Rhea Co.-29, MCHS-15; Sequoyah-35, Mc-Minn Central-7; Sweetwater-26, Meigs Co.,-23. Tennessee "beat" LSU on Saturday 14-10, until a review showed UT had too many men on the field. The Refs gave LSU an extra "non-timed" down and they scored, giving the Big Orange a heart-breaking loss of 16 to 14.

OBITUARIES

Marvin Henderson, age 57, of Athens died Friday morning at his home. He was employed with TVA as a painter and sandblaster and was a Sergeant with the Clearwater Volunteer Fire Department. He was owner of M & K Classics. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Clearwater Baptist Church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mark Wayne McKenzie, age 59, of Athens, died Saturday at Athens Regional Medical Center. He was a native of McMinn County and a carpenter. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Monday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

CORRECTION

A story in last Friday's Morning Fax said the city of Athens is receiving a \$150,000 state grant to build a steel gazebo at Knight Park and a restroom at Market Park. The state has advised us they made a mistake in their news release about the grant, and the money for the gazebo was NOT included in the grant.

