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Athens, Tennessee

STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ SEVEN SEEK PROPERTY ASSESSOR JOB

There are a total of seven candidates in the race for McMinn County Property Assessor to succeed Don Cowart who is retiring. There are six candidates in the March 6th Republican Primary: Jerry Anderson, Margaret Stone Cheek, Jack E. Crittenden, Matt Goodin, Keith Price, and Stephanie Womac Ring. In addition, Jane Williams Glass is running as an independent. No Democrats are running. Early voting begins Feb. 15th and continues through Feb. 28th at the Courthouse Annex.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Athens Municipal Building and Public Works Department will be closed Monday, January 2nd, in observance of New Years. The Recycle Center and the Animal Shelter will also be closed on Saturday. Monday's residential garbage route will be picked up on Tuesday.
- ✓ If you plan to pay your county property taxes before the end of the year, the McMinn County Trustee's Office will be open today from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ✓ The McMinn County Clerk's Office and Driver's License Office will be closed on Monday for New Years.
- ✓ The E.G. Fisher Public Library will be closed Saturday through Monday for New Years.
- ✓ The Athens Public Works Department will begin round two of the Loose Leaf Collection on Tuesday, January 3rd. This will be the last round of collection for this leaf season.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ A tourist from Tennessee was arrested when she tried to check her loaded gun at the September 11th Memorial in New York City. Meredith Graves, 39, was visiting the Memorial at the World Trade Center site last week and noticed a sign that said "No guns allowed." She remembered she had a loaded pistol in her purse and asked police where she could check it. She has a legal permit to carry a weapon in Tennessee, but not in New York. She was arrested on a gun possession charge and faces 3½ years in prison if convicted. She posted bond and is due back in court on March 19th. Mrs. Graves is a fourth-year medical student and was in New York for a job interview.
- ◆ Wall Street stocks resumed their upward move on Thursday after a report that pending sales of existing homes surged to a 1½ year high in November. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 135.63 at 12,287.04.
- ◆ Sears & K-Mart have announced that they will close between 100 and 120 underperforming stores across the country. Yesterday, 79 of those stores were identified. In Tennessee, so far, no K-Marts will be closing, however, Sears Full-Line stores in Cleveland, Oak Ridge, and Antioch will be closed in the near future.
- ◆ The number of U.S. police officers who lost their lives in the line of duty this year rose 13% from 2010. According to preliminary data from the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, 173 federal, state, and local law enforcement officers were killed in 2011, up from 153 in 2010.



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The Year In Pictures



1. Senator Mike Bell takes oath of office 2. Rep. John Forgety swearing in ceremony 3. Tom Hughes named Athens Man of the Year 4. Dr. Harley Knowles named new president of Tennessee Wesleyan College 5. Moonshine still discovered in McMinn County 6. Tornadoes hit Claxton Community 7. McDonald Cabinet Co. destroyed by fire. ➡

Obituaries

Mrs. Minnie Lorene Sharp Carter, age 86, of Athens died Wednesday at East Tennessee Health Care Center. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Forkner's Chapel Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

Julia Ann Hughes, age 87, of Athens died Thursday at Woods Memorial Hospital. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ralph Buckner Funeral Home of Etowah.

DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE ANNOUNCED

The Athens Parks Department's 27th Annual Daddy-Daughter Dance will be held on February 3rd and 4th at the McMinn County High School. There will be four dances: Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 1, 4, and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 per person and go on sale January 1st at: www.cityofathenstn.com/parks



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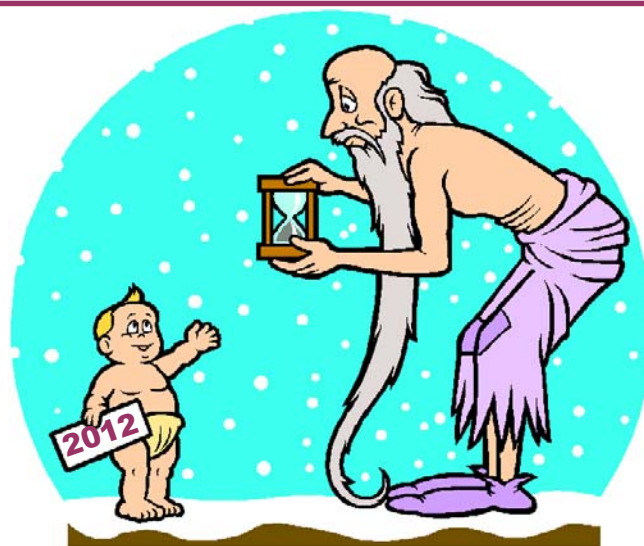
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