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Wednesday-February 1, 2012

Local & State News

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ For those wishing to pay property taxes, the McMinn County Trustee's Office will be open each Saturday in February from 8:30 a.m. till noon. There is also a drop box for tax payments on the Washington Avenue side of the courthouse at the top of the steps on the right.
- ✓ The Meigs County Election Commission will be setting and certifying the voting machines this Saturday, Feb. 4th, at 12 noon in the Meigs County Election Office. This will be for the Republican and Democratic primary and the Meigs County primary on March 6th. The public may attend.
- ✓ The annual City of Athens audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, has been completed by Neal, Scouten & McConnell of Chattanooga. Copies of the audit are available for review in the Department of Finance at the Athens Municipal Building between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The audit is available online: <http://cityofathensn.com/finance/CAFR.html>.
- ✓ The Athens Area Council for the Arts presents the Fats Waller musical *Ain't Misbehavin'* on Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Athens City Middle School.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

- ◆ Mitt Romney coasted to a first-place victory in Florida's Republican primary on Tuesday, winning all of the state's 50 delegates in the winner-take-all contest. Romney got 47% of the vote, more than Newt Gingrich's 32% and Rick Santorum's 13% combined.
- ◆ Both lanes of Interstate 40 west bound remain closed in Cocke County near the Tennessee-North Carolina line following a rockslide early Tuesday. The Tennessee Department of Transportation says the westbound lanes may be closed for two weeks.
- ◆ National Director of Intelligence, James Clapper, says the biggest security threats facing the U.S. in 2012 come from Iran, Afghanistan, North Korea, the Arab world and from Cyber attacks. Clapper also says homegrown extremists may move to attack inside the U.S. if America engages in war in another Muslim nation.
- ◆ New reports show home prices fell more steeply than expected in November, and consumer confidence soured in January. A report from the Conference Board said an index of consumer attitudes fell to 61.1 in January from 64.8 the month before, as Americans turned gloomy about the job market and their income prospects. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 20.81 at 12,632.91.

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Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Athens, Tennessee

Burglar-Proofing Your Home

If you are planning to be away from your residence for several days or more, the Athens Police Department says you should do the following:

1. Notify a trusted neighbor that you will be gone and ask them to watch your house and property.
2. Have a friend mow the lawn.
3. Have the Post Office hold your mail or have a friend or neighbor pick up your mail.
4. Stop the newspaper. A cluttered mail box and newspapers are signs you are not at home.
5. Ask a trusted neighbor to pick up any packages that are delivered to your house.
6. Use a timer system or ask a neighbor to turn lights, TV, stereo on and off at an appropriate time of day or night. Use photosensitive switches to turn outside lights on at sunset and off at dawn.
7. Notify the police that you will be out of town. Furnish dates, the names of contact people that will know where you are going. List any vehicles that will be at your house. Advise the names of anyone who will be at your house for yard work.
8. Leave a key with a trusted neighbor or family member.
9. Remove any items of extreme value from the house and put in a safe place while you are gone.

This Day In History - Feb. 1

Now that February is here, it's good to know how to pronounce the word. It is Feb'-roo-er-i. This year is Leap Year, which means February has 29 days.

1789 - The first President of the United States, George Washington, was elected.

1884 - The Oxford English Dictionary was first published. Among other things, it tells you how to pronounce the word "February."

1901 - Actor Clark Gable was born in Ohio. One of his best-known performances came in the movie "Gone With The Wind" in which he was cast as Rhett Butler.

1909 - Christian singer George Beverly Shea was born. He celebrates his 103rd birthday today. For years, he sang at the Billy Graham crusades all over the world. His signature song was "How Great Thou Art." He also wrote the song "I'd Rather Have Jesus."

1937 - Singer Don Everly was born. He and his brother, Phil, sang as the Everly Brothers and had such hit records as "Cathy's Clown," "All I Have To Do Is Dream," "Wake Up Little Susie," and "Bird Dog."

OBITUARY

Anna Marie Sewell McManaman, age 88, of Athens, died Monday at NHC of Athens. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral & Cremation Service.

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