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Athens, Tennessee

Wednesday-January 02, 2013

Local & State News

◆ HAPPY NEW YEAR!--A LOOK BACK AT 2012

Here are some of the major events that occurred in 2012: In January, Joe Riley was named the Athens Man of the Year at the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet. In March, tornadoes touched-down in McMinn and Monroe Counties destroying 11 homes in the Cog Hill area and causing major damage to the city of Tellico Plains. In March, Mickey Blevins was named the new McMinn County Director of Schools. The Tennessee General Assembly passed legislation re-drawing congressional and legislative districts, based on the 2010 census. McMinn County was moved from the 2nd Congressional District, represented by Congressman John J. Duncan, Jr. to the 3rd Congressional District, represented by Congressman Chuck Fleischmann. Both Duncan and Fleischmann were re-elected in November. The City of Athens annexed an area from Congress Parkway North to the Industrial Parks at the Mount Verd Exit 52 of Interstate 75. The city re-named that portion of the Mt. Verd Road the John J. Duncan Parkway. The Veterans Administration approved a Veterans Clinic for McMinn County, culminating an effort that spanned over 10 years. Chuck Burris was elected to the Athens City Council, taking the seat of Shane Jackson, who resigned because of moving to Knoxville. And unemployment in McMinn County improved. At year's end it was 8.3% compared to 10.5% at the beginning of the year.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ House Republicans denounced the hard-fought bipartisan compromise passed in the Senate late Tuesday for its lack of spending cuts. It will spare all but the richest Americans from income-tax hikes. Taxes will rise on incomes above \$400,000 for individuals and \$450,000 for households, while exemptions and deductions the wealthiest Americans use to reduce their tax bill will face new limits. Taxes paid on large inheritances would be raised from 35% to 40% for estates over \$5 million. Unemployment benefits for some two million Americans would be extended for one year.
- ◆ Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton continues to recover in a New York hospital where she's being treated for a blood clot in her head. Blood thinners are being used to dissolve the clot and doctors are confident she will make a full recovery.
- ◆ After a New Year's Eve fireworks display at a stadium in Ivory Coast's main city Abidjan, at least 61 people were crushed to death in a stampede early on Tuesday. The president of the African nation says he hopes they can determine what caused the panic, so they can make sure that it will not happen again.
- ◆ Authorities in a suburban county north of New York City are refusing to release names of local gun permit holders to a newspaper that has been publishing the identities of thousands of license-holding residents. The *Journal News* claims they sought the information under the New York Freedom of Information Law and that it is a matter of public record. They say they believe that sharing information about gun permits in their area was important in the aftermath of the Newtown shootings.



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Wednesday night - Mostly
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MORE AREA & TENNESSEE NEWS

◆ DRINKERS ACCEPT SHERIFF'S OFFER

The McMinn County Sheriff's Department reports a fairly quiet start to the New Year. Three groups of party-goers did take advantage of the Sheriff Department's "Sober Ride" program which offered free rides home to New Years Eve party goers who drank too much.

◆ FATALITIES INCREASE IN 2012

Tennessee ended the year 2012 with at least 1002 traffic fatalities. That was the number displayed on signs over the interstate highways yesterday, but the figure will probably go higher when final numbers are reported. This past April, TDOT began putting a running tally of traffic fatalities on 150 digital signs around the state. The number of highway deaths in 2012 was about 72 higher than in 2011, but well below the 1300 deaths in 2004.

◆ PHYSICIANS TO RECEIVE A PAY RAISE

Doctors who treat TennCare patients are getting a pay raise for the New Year. Doctors will now be reimbursed at Medicare rates, which, on average, are about 25% higher than TennCare rates.

◆ WIND GUST FOILS HELICOPTER LANDING

The pilot of a medical helicopter making a final approach to St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville wound up landing at a college campus. The pilot says a large gust of wind blew the helicopter off course, so the pilot landed on the property of Aquinas College, about a block away from the hospital. The patient on board was taken the rest of the way by ambulance. No injuries reported.

OBITUARIES

Junior Floyd Dills, age 61, of Athens, died Sunday at his home. He was an avid U.T. Fan and was retired from Bowater after 35 years of service. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Mount Verd Baptist Church with visitation from 5 to 8 Wednesday at the church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

Douglas James Elwood, age 88, of Etowah, died in his sleep on Sunday. Formerly he was a pastor at Highland Presbyterian Church in Maryville; a college professor and chaplain at Missouri Valley College; a missionary teacher and pastor in the Philippines and Taiwan. He and his wife established Little Children of the World, a mission that assisted children in the Philippines and Haiti. He authored 25 books, articles, essays, and lectures. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 1st, at Bordwine Funeral Home.

Nina O'Daniel Brown, age 86, of Athens, died Tuesday at her home. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

Monday's Market Closings

U.S. stocks soared in afternoon trading and ended the day higher after President Obama's press conference addressing the impending fiscal cliff. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 166.03 at 13,104.14, the Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 23.76 at 1,426.19, the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 59.20 at 3,019.51. In commodity markets, the spot price of gold rose \$17.41 to \$1,673.26, the spot price of silver rose \$0.30 to \$30.32, and crude oil prices rose \$0.89 to \$91.69 per barrel.



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Today In History, January 2

1788 - The State of Georgia ratified the Constitution; the fourth state to do so.

1936 - Singer Roger Miller was born. His biggest hit record was "King of the Road."

1959 - Moscow Radio announced that a rocket had been launched to the moon. Luna One never actually landed on the moon. It ended its mission by going into orbit around the sun.

1960 - Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

1965 - The New York Jets signed University of Alabama quarterback Joe Namath for a reported \$400,000.

1968 - Dr. Christian Barnard performed his second successful heart transplant.

1974 - President Richard Nixon signed a bill requiring states to lower highway speed limits to 55-miles an hour or lose federal highway funds.

2008 - Oil prices soared to \$100 a barrel for the first time.

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