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Local & State News

◆ TAYLOR TO SPEAK AT JACKSON DAY DINNER

The McMinn County Democratic party has announced that Bill Taylor will be the speaker at the upcoming Jackson Day Dinner. Taylor ran unsuccessfully for Congress last year and is considering a run against Chuck Fleischmann this upcoming election year. Taylor replaces Chattanooga Mayor Andy Berke who had a scheduling conflict. The local Jackson Day Dinner will be held at the TWC Sherman Fine Arts Center this Saturday night at 6 p.m.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ The Meigs County Youth Football League will host the First Annual Little Tiger Neon Trot 5K Fun Run/Walk in memory of 6-year-old Allie Blevens this coming Saturday at 8:30 p.m. at the Decatur Park. Allie was a 6-year-old girl who was hit and killed by a vehicle earlier this year. Just prior to the race, the town will dedicate Allie Rock at the park in her memory. It's a large rock on which people are invited to paint anything they want to.

✓ The Fried Green Tomato Festival takes place this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Niota Depot. Events kick off at 7 a.m. with a 5K Run and a pancake breakfast. There will also be historical tours, a cooking contest, a beauty pageant, and a car show.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Secretary of State John Kerry has opened the door for sending American troops into Syria if Bashar Assad's regime collapses and al-Qaida-linked extremist groups stand to get their hands on his chemical weapons. Tennessee Senator Bob Corker, warned that Congress would work to ensure that President Obama does not use ground troops in response to Assad's alleged chemical weapons attack. Kerry said. "There will not be American boots on the ground with respect to the civil war." Kerry also assured lawmakers that Obama "is not asking America to go to war."

◆ Nelson Mandela is leaving the hospital after nearly three months. He has made some progress and is responding to treatment.

◆ New Jersey Governor Chris Christie accused his Democratic opponent, State Senator Barbara Buono, of making a mocking reference to his weight, when she suggested that the image of him "frolicking on the beach" was not a boost to tourism.

◆ France's President Francois Hollande, says France is waiting on a decision from the U.S. Congress on possible military action against Bashar Assad's regime, and will not carry out punitive missile strikes against Syria on its own. Hollande says that the U.S. vote will have consequences on the coalition they will have to create and did not specify whether that meant a military coalition.

McMinn County Democratic Party Jackson Day Dinner

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WEATHER

Wednesday - Sunny. High in the mid to upper 80's. Light winds.

Wednesday night - Mostly clear. Low in the lower 60's. Light winds.

Thursday - Sunny. High in the upper 80's. Winds < 10 mph.

See our Zoom Radar at:
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Athens, Tennessee

Lemon To Head Surgery Center

Tracy Lemon, RN, has been named Administrator of The Surgery Center of Athens. Lemon has over 15 years of nursing experience at surgery centers. Although her position requires a variety of administrative responsibilities, she calls herself a "hands-on" person and says she will help out with nursing duties as much as possible.



◆ HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT ANNOUNCED

The 2013 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event will be held on Saturday, October 5th, at the McMinn County High School Stadium-Student parking lot. Items that will be accepted include household cleaners, lawn and garden products, oil, fluorescent bulbs, driveway sealant, oil-based paint, pool chemicals, medicines and prescription drugs.

Explosives, ammunition, medical waste, and radioactive materials will not be accepted. The Hazardous Waste Collection Event is for residential waste only. Waste from businesses or industries will not be accepted.

Obituaries

Joan Hampton, age 83, of Athens died Monday at her home. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

TODAYS MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks reversed early gains to close little changed as growing concern about possible military action in Syria overshadowed positive economic data. Among today's economic reports, the Institute for Supply Management manufacturing index unexpectedly rose in August to the highest level in more than two years. A separate report showed construction spending in the U.S. increased in July.

Corporate News: Microsoft agreed to buy Nokia's handset unit including key patents for \$7.2 billion, while Verizon Communications announced plans to buy Vodafone Group's 45 percent stake in Verizon Wireless for \$130 billion. U.S. bond prices closed lower. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 23.65 at 14,833.96. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 6.80 at 1,639.77, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 22.74 at 3,612.61.

Commodity Markets: The spot price of gold rose \$21.55 to \$1412.87. The spot price of silver rose \$0.10 to \$24.27, and crude oil prices rose \$0.88 to \$108.53 per barrel.

In the S&P 500, the best-performing sector was Financials and the worst-performing sector was Telecom. In the bond market, the 30-year Treasury yield closed at 3.79% and the 10-year Treasury yield finished at 2.86%.

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