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Athens, Tennessee

Price & Burris Compete for Tax Job

Athens Mayor Chuck Burris is running for the position of McMinn County Property Assessor. Keith Price is seeking reelection for the position. That is one of the local contests that will be on the ballot when voters go to the polls on March 3rd. Voters living in McMinn County (outside the city of Athens) will also be voting on whether to raise the local option sales tax by .75%. The election will also include the presidential primary. Donald Trump and two other candidates are running in the Republican primary. There are 15 candidates on the ballot for the Democratic primary. Today is the final day to register if you want to vote on Super Tuesday. You can register at the McMinn County Election Commission in the basement of the McMinn County Courthouse. If you are a U.S. citizen with a driver's license or a photo ID issued by the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security you can register online at GoVoteTN.com.

TWO MCMINN COUNTIANS ARE VOLUNTEER STARS

The 12th Annual Governor's Volunteer Star Awards ceremony will honor volunteers from 69 counties on February 9th. Two of them are from McMinn County: Jeff Brandon and Carsi Beaty. Brandon is a volunteer with Helping Hands Ministries. Beaty is president-elect of the Anchor Club at Central High School. She is being honored for her volunteer work including canned food drives, painting faces at school carnivals, picking up trash at schools and state parks, and doing other volunteer work.

Woman Burned Trying to Put Out Fire

A woman was flown by Lifestar to UT Hospital last Thursday afternoon after suffering burns while trying to put out a fire. According to Lynn Ingram with the Englewood Rural Fire Department, the woman was walking along County Road 545 when she came upon a fire on the side of the road. When she tried to extinguish it, the winds caused the fire to spread quickly catching her pants on fire and burning one leg. The fire also burned about one acre of land. The Englewood Rural Fire Department responded along with AMR which transported the patient to a landing zone for a medical helicopter at the Englewood School ball field.

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Obituaries

- Mary Ann Daniels, age 70, of Riceville, died last Thursday at her residence. A celebration of her life will be announced later by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- Fred A. O'Neal, age 69, of Athens, died Thursday. A memorial gathering will be Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the New Zion Baptist Church at 393 County Road 616 in Athens. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.
- Nicky Lane Witt, age 60, died unexpectedly on January 27th at Sweetwater Hospital. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.
- Ellen Diana Price Beverly, age 59, of Athens, died Friday at her daughter's home in Etowah. Arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens.
- **Dorothy Bernice Minge,** age 92, of Athens, died last Wednesday at Starr Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.
- Ronald Dean Moses, age 79, of Athens, died Saturday at Turkey Creek Medical Center in Knoxville. He was an Army veteran and had owned and operated United Office Supply in downtown Athens for many years. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 12 to 1:30 p.m. at Smith.
- Mildred Catherine Stephens Martin, age 72, of Athens, died Friday at Hospice Care Center of Chattanooga. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Obituaries-continued

• Misty Lynn Duna Letner, age 44, of Decatur, formerly of Chicago, died January 29th. A memorial will be held at Bethsadia Baptist Church in Decatur on Saturday, February 8th, at 1 p.m. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

CELEBRATING THE VOTE IN NIOTA

Folks in Niota celebrated the 100th anniversary of the right to vote for women this past Friday and Saturday. On Friday, the new mural, "Portraying the Road to Suffrage," was unveiled. Then, on

Saturday a ribbon cutting for the new mural was held. Other activities on Saturday included voter registration, old time photography, and a 1920's Women's Job Fair. A group of Suffragettes from Knoxville were on hand dressed in period costume and portraying some



of the historical figures responsible for women getting the right to vote. They portrayed such people as Susan B. Anthony and Febb Burn reading the letter she wrote to her son, State Rep. Harry T. Burn, urging him to vote to ratify the 19th Amendment. The photo sent to us from Dick Pelley shows Niota Mayor Lois Preece standing next to a car from the 1920's.



