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Local & State News

◆ REDISTRICTING TO AFFECT McMINN CO.

Congressional redistricting plans are to be announced soon and there will be some big changes. Sources say McMinn and Monroe counties may be moved to another district, possibly the 3rd District and Meigs County may be moved to the 4th District. If McMinn County is moved to the 3rd District, that would mean that Congressman John Duncan, Jr., would no longer be our representative. The 2010 elections gave Republicans control of both the Tennessee House and Senate along with seven Congressional seats, meaning this is the first time in the state's history that the GOP will control redistricting. The redistricting plan for the Tennessee Senate and House seats is expected to be released this week. That plan is expected to affect the senate district of Sen. Mike Bell and the house district of Rep. John Forgety. Whatever the shape of the final plan is, a legal challenge is expected from the Democrats.

◆ STOLEN CAR CRASHES, TWO PEOPLE INJURED

A female juvenile will face multiple charges as soon as she is released from the hospital. The female allegedly stole a Ford Explorer from a driveway in Athens while the owner was letting it warm up. The owner followed the Explorer in another vehicle while talking to 911 dispatchers. Athens police chased the vehicle along Dennis Street at a high rate of speed. The chase ended in a three-vehicle crash at Dennis St. and W. Madison Ave. The female suspect and the driver of one of the other vehicles were airlifted to Erlanger. The victims' names have not been released.

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ Mitt Romney won the Iowa Republican caucus Tuesday night, but just barely. Romney had an eight-vote victory over Rick Santorum. Ron Paul finished third. Santorum said "Game On" as he took the stage after the votes were counted. Newt Gingrich finished 4th, but made it clear he plans to stay in the race. Rick Perry finished 5th and said he's going home to Texas to reflect and pray about what to do next.

◆ On Wall Street, stocks kicked off 2012 with a sharp rally Tuesday after reports that manufacturing activity and construction increased. The Dow Jones Average was up 179.82 at 12,397.38

◆ A man arrested on New Year's Eve at a Texas airport with explosives in his carry-on bag turns out to be an Army-trained demolitions expert and a member of the elite Green Berets who served in Afghanistan. Trey Scott Atwater is stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He is being held on a federal charge of attempting to board an aircraft with an explosive.

◆ The Florida attorney general is asking the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn a Florida Supreme Court ruling that police use of drug-sniffing dogs is unconstitutional. The Florida case involves a drug dog who detected marijuana growing inside a Miami house from outside a closed front door. The Florida court said that crossed the constitutional line.

◆ Scores of bus drivers in New York City spent the holiday weekend at their garages, collecting paychecks for playing chess and dominoes and watching TV, after the transit authority slashed bus service because it expected fewer riders.



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WEATHER

Wednesday - Sunny. Highs in the upper 40s.

Wed. night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.

Thursday - Sunny. Highs in the upper 40s.

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Athens, Tennessee

Woman Hurt in County Rd 410 Wreck

A woman was injured this past Friday in a one-vehicle wreck on County Road 410 about a half-mile off Highway 411. State troopers say Corkey Marie Haase was headed east in a 2004 Kia Sorrento when she left the road for some reason, ran through a field, and her vehicle flipped. She was flown to UT Hospital by Air Evac. The Etowah Rescue Squad and Englewood Rural Fire Departments responded. (Photo by Jay Thomson)



Obituaries

Jerril Juanita "Granny" Perian, age 70, of Etowah died Monday at Etowah Health Care Center. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

Beverly Joan Billings Whaley, age 52, of Charleston died Tuesday at SkyRidge Medical Center. Memorial services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Bellefonte Baptist Church, with visitation from 6 to 7 p.m. at the church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Tennessee Cattleman's Association is having a District 7 meeting this Friday, Jan. 6th, at the Dinner Bell in Sweetwater. If you plan to attend, you should RSVP to 1-615-896-2333.

✓ Tennessee Wesleyan College, sponsor of the *Young Man of the Year Award*, is accepting nominations now. Candidates must be 39 years or younger. Send nominations by January 6 to: TWC, Attn: Gail Rogers, 204 E. College St., Athens, Tn. 37303.

✓ The University of Tennessee Extension-McMinn will be offering Tai Chi for Arthritis Course Part 1 beginning January 9th. The course will be held Mondays and Wednesdays for seven sessions from 3 to 4 p.m. at the McMinn Senior Activity Center OR Monday and Thursday nights from 6 to 7 p.m. at the UT Extension Office. The cost is \$48 for all seven sessions. You can register by calling 745-6830. The course will be taught by Sarah Kite.

Athens and McMinn County got its first snowfall of the year Monday night. We woke up Tuesday to a dusting of snow on streets and rooftops. Ron Isbell submitted this photo to WTVC, News Channel 9.



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