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Thursday-August 23, 2012

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ COUNCIL PICKS JAMISON SLIGER

The Athens City Council has picked Jamison Sliger to fill the vacancy on the council caused by the resignation of Shane Jackson. Sliger was one of three candidates for the position. He will serve until November 20th. Sliger is currently with the Boys and Girls Club of Monroe County. The Council also voted to annex a strip of land along Highway 305 from the Athens City Limits to Exit 52 of Interstate-75. The annexation will require the installation of 29 new fire hydrants. The Council's monthly VIVID (Very Important Volunteer Individual) Award was presented to Helen Kettenbeil, Edna Pickens, and Eula Rogers for their many years of work with the Family and Community Education Clubs.

◆ PUMPKINTOWN PLANS ANNOUNCED

Pumpkintown 2012 will be held in downtown Athens on Saturday, October 13th. The day-long celebration is named for a former McMinn County village, Pumpkintown, that became part of Athens after its foundation in 1822. Pumpkintown will feature crafts, demonstrations, a pumpkin carving contest, a pumpkin pie contest, quilt shows, and live music and entertainment. Vendors are being sought for the event. Anyone interested can contact Lizz Harris at 506-4467 or Meredith Willson at 1-888-785-5855, Ext. 2348. To learn more about Pumpkintown, visit: www.pumpkintownfestival.com Sponsors are also needed for this year's festival. Anyone wishing to be a Pumpkintown Festival sponsor can contact Meredith Willson at 1-888-785-5855.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ California Governor Jerry Brown has declared a state of emergency in three Northern California counties after raging wildfires destroyed 50 buildings and threatened more than 200 others. About 3,000 people have been evacuated as the fire burns through more than 24,000 acres. The fires were sparked by lightning.

◆ Mitt Romney returned to the campaign trail in the battleground state of Iowa citing a new, non-partisan government report that painted a grim picture of the state of the economy. Romney used the new data to hammer home a familiar theme: the Obama economy isn't working.

◆ Ann Romney, wife of Presidential hopeful, Mitt Romney, was scheduled to give the keynote speech at Monday's opening night of the Republican National Convention in Tampa. But the Romney campaign is thinking about moving her address to another night after ABC, NBC and CBS opted out of airing convention coverage on Monday night.

◆ Using what appears to be a business plan inspired by the movie "Spaceballs," Kirill Rudenko, a Prague-based photographer, is selling "canned air" from Paris, New York and other major cities for \$9.99 a pop.

◆ Three French tourists were convicted in a Sri Lankan court after taking pictures of themselves in which they pretended to kiss a Buddhist statue. The BBC reports that the three tourists, two women and one man, were given suspended jail terms by the court in a southern Sri Lankan town.

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Community News You Can Use

- ✓ United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties will have its campaign kick-off luncheon on September 20th at 12 noon at the McMinn Senior Center in Athens. The guest speaker for the event will be Antone Davis, a former UT and NFL player who was also the runner up on season 12 of The Biggest Loser.
- ✓ Tomorrow is the deadline for registering for the Athens Parks Department's Fall League Baseball. The fee is \$35 per player and includes a t-shirt, hat, and secondary medical insurance. There will be two games a week. Players between the ages of 5 and 12 are eligible and will be divided into four age groups. For information, call 744-2704.
- ✓ The McMinn County 4-H Poultry Show & Sale will be held this Saturday at the Valley Farmers Co-op in Athens at 10 a.m. The chicken auction begins promptly at 10:30 a.m. Buyers and spectators are welcome to attend. For more information, call the 4-H office at 745-2852.
- ✓ The Arthritis Foundation "Walk With Ease" program will be offered starting September 5th at the McMinn County Senior Activity Center and the Etowah Community Center. "Walk With Ease" is a structured walking program that offers support, information, and tools to help participants develop successful exercise routines. There is a \$10 fee to cover the cost of the Walking book and pedometer. The classes are taught by Sarah Kite. For more information, call Sarah at the UT Extension Office, 745-2852.

Obituaries

Thelma Jean Roberts Bowman, age 81, of Ten Mile died Wednesday at Erlanger Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ziegler Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

Alfred "A.O." Williams, age 92, of Etowah died Tuesday at McMinn Memorial Nursing Home. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

More State & Local News

- ◆ A Meigs County woman has been arrested in Pennsylvania on charges of conspiring with her boyfriend to murder her husband. Lisa Michelle Cleary, 42, will be extradited to Tennessee. She was wanted by the TBI for the alleged plot in October of last year. The TBI says an undercover agent was offered \$15,000 and a gun to kill Cleary's husband.
- ◆ Steam from a shower resulted in an early-morning call-out for Athens firefighters Wednesday. A smoke alarm went off in a house on Alford Street. It turned out the resident was taking a shower and the steam from the shower caused the smoke detector in the hall to activate.

WEATHER

Thursday - Sunny. Highs in the upper 80s to lower 90s.

Thursday night - Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 60s.

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