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Thursday, January 7, 2016

Local & State News

◆ REACTION TO OBAMA GUN CONTROL ORDERS

Reaction to the President's proposed executive orders on gun control has been swift among Tennessee political leaders and largely along party lines. Among Republicans:

Sen. Bob Corker says the president's unilateral actions would be divisive and detrimental to finding real solutions to keeping firearms out of the hands of criminals and mentally ill people.

Congressman John Duncan, Jr., says the president's proposals would not have prevented any of the recent tragedies involving mass shootings.

Congressman Chuck Fleischmann accuses the president of grandstanding instead of addressing real issues.

Congressman Marsha Blackburn says Obama's executive actions represent another assault on the Constitution.

Democratic Congressman Steve Cohen says the president is taking sensible steps to address the problem of mass shootings.

Tennessee Democratic Party Chairman Mary Mancini says the president's "bold action on background checks will help to ensure that our communities are safe and that families will not have to fear going to church, school, or work".

NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ U.S. officials claim that the Initial test results suggest that an explosion in North Korean was not a hydrogen bomb.

◆ A Class 1 recall has been issued for more than 1,000 pounds of chicken for Wegmans grocery store chain shipped to distribution facilities in Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Wegmans altered its production schedule and produced chicken products outside the approved hours of operation and therefore it wasn't inspected.

◆ Heather Krueger and Chris Dempsey have a unique love story that began when Krueger was diagnosed with stage 4 liver disease. Doctors told her she had less than a 50% chance of living more than two months. Dempsey heard about her story and discovered he was a match. He donated 55% of his liver to Krueger. During the recovery process they fell in love and plan to marry in October of this year.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens City Council and Athens School Board of Education invite Athens citizens to meet with them for a "Joint Listening Tour" next Thursday, January 14th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at City Park School. It's an opportunity to have your questions answered and get an update on projects and upcoming events related to the City of Athens and the Athens City Schools.

✓ The Athens Area Council for the Arts presents **Daddy Mack Blues Band**, playing authentic Memphis blues, on Friday, January 15th, at 7:30 p.m. Daddy Mack is the next installment of the Black Box Concert Series at The Arts Center, 320 N. White Street. Tickets are available by calling 745-8781.

Heritage School Programs
January 2016
11am-2pm
McMinn County

Living Heritage
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Now-Jan. 9th Reading Appalachia
"Voices from Children's Literature" exhibit
Jan. 9th Harriel Blair reading from
"Sonder" & "The Summer of the Swans"
Jan. 16th Jeff Wilkins woodworker with
Wilkins Cabinetry demonstrating hand cut
dove tails.
Jan. 23rd Johnny McGrew demonstrat-
ing wood bending, Dulcimer building
hanging cupboards & various wood
techniques.
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Home Sales For December

There were 34 sales of single family homes in McMinn County in December. The median sales price was \$113,875. Information provided by Tennessee Valley Appraisal Services. Here are some of the sales:

County Road 50, Riceville	-	\$535,000
County Road 110, Athens	-	\$475,000
County Road 875, Etowah	-	\$330,000
County Road 545, Englewood	-	\$216,000
County Road 545, Englewood	-	\$210,000
Elmhurst Drive, Athens	-	\$195,000
Clearmont Drive, Etowah	-	\$175,000
County Road 164, Athens	-	\$172,000
Hayleywood Drive, Athens	-	\$160,000
Crestway Drive, Athens	-	\$159,900
County Road 655, Athens	-	\$155,000
County Road 560, Athens	-	\$150,000
Morning Pointe Lane, Athens	-	\$150,000
County Road 618, Athens	-	\$145,000
Morgan St., Athens	-	\$139,500
County Road 537, Etowah	-	\$129,000
Woodward Ave., Athens	-	\$114,750
Northside Dr., Athens	-	\$113,000
County Road 20, Calhoun	-	\$ 96,000
County Road 260, Niota	-	\$ 95,800
County Road 587, Englewood	-	\$ 90,000
County Road 442, Athens	-	\$ 86,000
Washington Ave., Etowah	-	\$ 76,500

Obituaries

• **Roberta Bohannon Russell**, age 88, of the Clearwater Community near Athens, died Tuesday at her home. She was the manager of Majors Medical Book Store in Atlanta for 22 years. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

Wednesday's Market Report: U.S. stocks were lower as markets around the globe continue to react to weakness in Chinese markets. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 252.15 at 16,906.51. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 26.45 at 1990.26, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 55.66 at 4835.77.

FLASHBACK: A big snow storm dumped over 8 inches of snow on Athens on this day in 1988, closing schools and roads for several days.

HOW TO GET FROST OFF YOUR WINDSHIELD

Instead of letting your car warm up for ten minutes or scraping your windshield, there's an easier way to get the frost off your windshield. Just mix up one part of water and two parts of isopropyl or rubbing alcohol. Put it into a simple spray bottle. Then spray it on your windshield. The reason this works is rubbing alcohol has a freezing point of 128 degrees below zero.



5 YEAR PLAN SURVEYS

The Athens City School Board is currently working on updating the Five Year Plan for Athens City Schools and would like for you to provide valuable input in designing the Five Year Plan.

Parent and Community Surveys

Available on-line from
Dec 15th-Jan 31st.

www.athenscityschools.net



HAPPY NEW YEAR

*The McMinn County Clerk's
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