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State & Local News

◆ ATHENS MAN'S SON CHARGED IN HIS DEATH

A Madisonville man, 20-year-old Robert Charles Atkins, has been charged in the murder of his father, 46-year-old Charles Ray Taylor, of Athens. Taylor's body was discovered in a wooded area off Griffith Branch Road in Madisonville this past December. The TBI developed information leading to his son as the person responsible for the crime. The Monroe County Grand Jury returned an indictment charging Atkins with one count of First Degree Murder. Atkins is being held at the Monroe County Jail.



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Businesses and private non-profit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery, equipment, and inventory. Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available regardless of whether the business suffered any physical property damage. Loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners for repairs or replacement. Homeowners and renters are eligible for loans up to \$40,000 to repair or replace personal property. Interest rates are as low as 3.125% for businesses, 2.5% for nonprofit organizations, and 1.5% for homeowners and renters with terms up to 30 years.

SBA's customer service representatives will be available at the Disaster Loan Outreach Center to answer questions about the disaster loan program and to help individuals complete their application. The Center is located at the McMinn County Courthouse. It will open next Tuesday, February 7th, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will close on Thursday, Feb. 16th.



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Tues., Feb. 7th 12pm-1pm

Topic: The Tuskegee Airmen & Buffalo Soldiers

Wed., Feb. 15th 12pm-1pm

Topic: African-American Cemeteries

Tues., Feb. 21st 12pm-1pm

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Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The PTSD Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month at Athens Lutheran Church. The next meeting will be this coming Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. For information, call 744-1605.
- ✓ The Tuskegee Airmen and Buffalo Soldiers will be the topic of a presentation next Tuesday, Feb. 7th, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at E.G. Fisher Public Library. The program will be presented by retired TWU professor, Dr. David Duncan, and Anthony Murdic, son of the late Tuskegee Airman Robert J. Murdic, Jr. Buffalo Soldier William R. Prigmore will also participate.
- ✓ The Tennessee Highway Patrol will be conducting a driver license roadside safety checkpoint this Sunday, February 5th, in McMinn County at County Roads 172 and 173.
- ✓ On March 1st, all unpaid 2016 Athens city property taxes will become delinquent, with a penalty added at the rate of one and one-half percent per month for each month taxes are delinquent until paid. You can avoid this penalty by paying 2016 property taxes prior to March 1st. The taxes can be paid at the Athens Municipal Building Monday through Friday.
- ✓ SETHRA, The Southeast Tennessee Human Resource Agency, is accepting applications for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. For questions, call the McMinn County SETHRA office at 745-8095, the Meigs County SETHRA office at 334-3305.

Obituaries

- **Gerald A. Burrell**, age 67, of Madisonville, died Monday at UT Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday night. Biereley-Hale Funeral Home of Tellico Plains was in charge.
- **Irene Carden Douglas** of Etowah died Tuesday at NHC Health Care of Athens. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Jarnigan & Son Mortuary of Knoxville.
- **Marie Locke Gallaher**, age 92, of Decatur, died Thursday. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Decatur United Methodist Church, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m. at the church. Bowers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks ticked down as investors grew cautious amid fresh concerns about the new administration's diplomatic rifts with key allies and trade partners. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 6.03 at 19,884.91. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 1.30 at 2,280.85, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 6.45 at 5,636.20.

In Commodity Markets: The spot price of gold rose \$6.45 to \$1,216.23. The spot price of silver fell \$0.06 to \$17.49, and crude oil prices fell \$0.15 to \$53.73.

In Bond Markets: The 30-year Treasury yield closed at 3.09%, and the 10-year Treasury yield finished at 2.47%.



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