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STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ JASON PICKEL TO RUN FOR SHERIFF

The McMinn County Primary Election is 11 months away, but a candidate has already tossed his hat into the ring for Sheriff.



Englewood Police Chief Jason Pickel has announced that he will challenge Sheriff Joe Guy. Pickel comes from a family with a long history of public service. His grandmother, Nadean Cunningham, was Register of Deeds. His uncle, Gary Mason, served as a County Commissioner. His father, Steve Pickel, ran unsuccessfully for Sheriff in

1994. He says he applied for a job with the Sheriff's Office while volunteering for the McMinn County Rescue Squad. Pickel went to work for Sheriff Steve Frisbie on Sept. 11, 2001. He was a deputy for eight years, reaching the rank of Sergeant. He also worked as a Narcotics Officer and a School Resource Officer. He currently serves as the Police Chief of Englewood. He says the thought of being able to serve his community from the highest position in law enforcement would be an opportunity of a lifetime. The McMinn County Primary is May 1st, 2018.

National & World News

◆ Five people were shot and killed on Monday Morning by a "disgruntled" former employee at Fiamma, a company that manufactures awnings and accessories for RVs located near Orlando, Florida. The suspect shot and killed himself after shooting his former co-workers. Most victims were shot in the head and some were shot multiple times.

◆ President Trump has no plans to invoke executive privilege in an attempt to block fired FBI Director Jim Comey from discussing any conversations he had with the president in his testimony before Congress this week.

◆ June 4 through the 7 marks the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Midway. The Battle of Midway was a pivotal naval battle in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

◆ ATHENS MAN DIES ON "DRAGON'S TAIL"

Two men were killed last Saturday night when their 2009 Nissan 370-Z went out of control, hit a tree, and then dropped 100 feet down an embankment on the infamous curvy highway known as the "Tail of the Dragon" in Blount County. The driver was Kyle Moroney, 23, of Sevierville. His passenger was 19-year-old Tanner Umphrey of Athens.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Secretary of State Trae Hargett will be in Athens at 9:50 a.m. this morning to present a \$9,900 Library Technology Training Grant to the E.G. Fisher Public Library.

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Home Sales for April

Tennessee Valley Appraisal Services reports there were 41 sales of single family homes in McMinn County in April. A sampling of those sales is listed below:

County Road 725, Riceville -	\$325,000
County Road 700, Riceville -	\$275,000
County Road 64, Riceville -	\$275,000
County Road 703, Athens -	\$257,900
County Road 275, Niota -	\$255,000
County Road 25, Riceville -	\$255,000
Hawthorne Street, Athens -	\$250,000
County Road 554, Athens -	\$218,000
Charlotte St., Athens -	\$211,500
County Road 703, Athens -	\$190,000
Crestway Drive, Athens -	\$189,900
County Road 142, Riceville -	\$182,500
County Road 82, Athens -	\$180,000
County Road 711, Athens -	\$176,500
County Road 573, Englewood -	\$165,000
Carmen Drive, Athens -	\$161,000
Coosa St., Athens -	\$146,000
County Road 734, Calhoun -	\$144,600
Pennsylvania Ave., Etowah -	\$144,000
Ridgeway Circle, Athens -	\$141,380
County Road 784, Etowah -	\$130,000
Berger Street, Athens -	\$119,000
County Road 513, Etowah -	\$115,000
County Road 254, Athens -	\$115,000
Southern Parkway, Athens -	\$112,000

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Obituaries

♦ **James Ammons**, age 78, of Etowah, died Sunday at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home & Crematory.

♦ **Alma Rhea Torbett Borden**, age 75, of Sweetwater, died Sunday at Blount Memorial Hospital. She had worked at Niota Textile. Private services will be held. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

♦ **Tanner Umphrey**, age 19, of Athens died Saturday in Blount County. He was a car enthusiast and a member of Modified Mini and Unfiltered Mini Clubs. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

♦ **Doyle Milburn Harmon, Sr.**, age 87, of Decatur, died Sunday at Park West Medical Center in Knoxville. He was a teacher, coach, and principal for 36 years in Meigs County. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Bowers Funeral Home with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Summer Reading Program at Etowah Carnegie Library moves to the L&N Depot today for "All About Trains." The event starts at 1 p.m. and will feature special guests from the Tennessee Valley Railroad.

✓ The Athens Parks and Recreation Department will hold its annual Learn to Swim and Swimming Improvement program June 12th-June 23rd. All classes will be held at the Ingleside Pool under the direction of Katie Pedde. The cost is \$5, and pre-registration is required. Call 744-2704 to register.

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