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Thursday, May 14, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

### State & Local News

#### ◆ TAX INCREASE IN ATHENS MAY BE COMING

Residents of Athens may be facing a tax increase. Athens City Manager Mitch Moore has presented his proposed 2015-2016 city budget to city council members. The budget is balanced, thanks to money from the General Fund reserves. However, Moore is recommending an increase in the property tax. He is also recommending that a sales tax referendum be held to raise the local sales tax by .75%. Moore says if the sales tax referendum passes, the property tax would then be rolled back to its current level.

#### ◆ TIPS FOR AVOIDING THEFTS FROM CARS

The Athens Police Department reports there were 130 thefts from motor vehicles in the city in both 2014 and 2013. In 2014, 70 of the vehicles involved were unlocked. Police say if a locked vehicle is broken into, it will almost always be by breaking a window to gain entry. Police offer these tips:

1. ALWAYS lock your vehicle if you are not in it, regardless of where it is.
2. NEVER leave valuables in your vehicle. If you must, then always store them out of sight of anyone who may look into the vehicle.

#### ◆ AUB WATER QUALITY RATES TOP NOTCH

AUB's annual Water Quality Report says AUB water exceeds all state and national water quality standards. The water comes from the Ingleside Spring, from wells, and from the Hiwassee River. AUB's Wayne Scarbrough says the drinking water is "top notch."

### NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ The death toll from the Amtrak train that derailed Tuesday night in Philadelphia has reached seven. More than 200 passengers were sent to the hospital. Investigators are examining the train's black box and video cameras. They say the train was traveling at more than 100 mph when it derailed in a curve. The speed limit is 50 mph. The engine and all seven cars overturned, throwing passengers, luggage, and pieces of metal into a mangled mess.

◆ Closer American ties with Cuba could be good news in the fight against lung cancer. Cuba has developed Cimavax, an effective lung cancer vaccine, and American researchers will now be able to get their hands on it. Cimavax stops tumors from growing. It has been available for free to Cuban cancer patients since 2011.

#### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Memorial Day Celebration in Athens will be on Monday, May 25, at 11 a.m. at the VFW Post #5146 at 706 N. Congress Parkway. The event is open to the public. You are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. Lunch will be served following the ceremony in the post dining hall. The event is sponsored by the VFW Post #5146, the American Legion Post #68, the McMinn County Veterans Affairs Office, and the VFW Post #5146 Ladies Auxiliary.
- ✓ The Decatur Dash for a Cure will be held on Saturday, May 23, starting at 8 a.m. at the Meigs County Courthouse. There will be a 5k race and a 1 mile fun run. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. For registration information, call 334-5752, ext. 3015. This will be the first officially timed 5k in Decatur.

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## Spelling Those Words Correctly

Fairview Christian Academy recently held its spelling bee. The winners are shown in the photo below.

Back Row: (L-R) Andrew Rogers, Taylor Keeton, Rachel Vermaas, Reed Heinrichy, David Dempsey, and Tomianne Roberts.

Front Row: (L-R) Sindy McElhaney, Jacob Dempsey, Kate Hicks, Gray Standifer, Allie Heinrichy, and Caden Goforth.



## Obituaries

• **Dixie Lee Webb Jones**, age 103, of Athens died Tuesday at Etowah Health Care Center. She was a native of Rhea County and had lived in Athens since 2004. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Buttrams Cemetery in Dayton. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

• Retired Maryland State Police Sergeant **John Christman** died May 9 in Baltimore after a fall at his home nine days earlier. He was a pilot in the Aviation Division of the Maryland State Police for a total of 46 years. He was the younger brother of J.J. Christman of Athens. Funeral services will be held Thursday in Leonardtown, Maryland. Mattingley-Gardner Funeral Home is in charge.

• **Robert "Rod" C. Langford, Jr.**, age 72, died on April 25 in Carlsbad, New Mexico. He grew up in Forestville, N.Y., and moved to Athens in his 20's. He was a surgical technologist in Athens, Chattanooga, and Florida in the early 1980's. He later moved to Carlsbad, N.M. There will be no services and cremation has taken place.

### THAT WAS SOME SNEEZE!

When Steve Easton of England was seven years old, his parents noticed that the suction cup was missing from one of his toy darts. They were worried that he had inhaled it. Doctors couldn't find anything. Now, 40 years later, the mystery has been solved. Easton started a sneezing fit and the suction cup came out of his left nostril. It had been there all the time.

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