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STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ HOW WILL ATHENS LOOK IN 2035?

Do you wonder what Athens will look like in 20 years? Citizens are invited to spend two Saturday mornings next month to offer their ideas, wishes, and wants for Athens in the year 2035. City officials are looking for input in the areas of economic development, transportation, planning, public safety, recreation, education, communication, health and the environment. There will be two meetings: February 4th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Feb. 11th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., both at the Athens City Middle School. The purpose of the first meeting is to gather your input. The second meeting will be for the purpose of considering all the suggestions from the first meeting and placing them in priority. For more information, call 744-2702.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ Storyteller Rusty Shultz will talk about the "old days" of downtown Athens at the McMinn County Historical Society's monthly meeting this Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Blue Room of the Courthouse. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.
- ✓ A reminder: today is the deadline for submitting nominations for the Athens Chamber's Young Man of the Year award.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ President Obama has unveiled a defense strategy that calls for a greater U.S. military presence in Asia and proposes cutting troops in Europe. The Pentagon is hoping to reduce spending by nearly half-a-trillion-dollars. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta says the strategy calls for the U.S. to maintain a military force that can win one war while still having the capability to deter the objectives of an adversary in a second conflict. That is a shift from the military's longtime goal of being able to fight and prevail in two wars in different theaters simultaneously.
- ◆ A wave of bombings targeting Shi'ites in Iraq killed 72 people on Thursday as sectarian tensions continue to worsen following the departure of American troops.
- ◆ A bluefin tuna caught off the coast of Japan has sold in Tokyo for a record \$736,000. That means the 600 pounds cost \$1,238 per pound. The tuna was purchased by the owner of a popular Japanese sushi restaurant chain. Sushi made from bluefin can cost \$24 per piece at Tokyo restaurants.
- ◆ According to the Internet, the list of the names of the first babies born in each state run the gamut from Melissa to Kay'lyn for girls and from Ezekiel to Jayden among the boys.

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Athens, Tennessee

Who's New In Pink & Blue?

Wyatt Henry Benton was born January 2nd at Athens Regional Medical Center. He weighed 12 pounds and 4 ounces and was 20 inches long. His parents are Mandy Coleman and Wesley Benton of Sweetwater.

Robert Michael Wicker was born January 2nd at ARMC. He weighed 6 pounds and 9 ounces and was 19¼ inches long. His parents are Gladys and Robert Wicker of Sweetwater.

Tristan Dale was born December 31st at ARMC. Tristan weighed 7 pounds and 9 ounces and was 19 inches long. Tristan's mother is Vanessa Torres of Athens.

Cortez Tramain Crumley was born December 30th at ARMC. He weighed 6 pounds and 12 ounces and was 19¾ inches long. His mother is Jessica Crumley of Athens.

Canyn Gauge Hensley was born December 30th at ARMC. He weighed 5 pounds and 4 ounces and was 18 inches long. His parents are Misty and Christopher Hensley of Athens.

Nicole Diane Roderick was born December 29th at ARMC. She weighed 8 pounds and 9 ounces and was 19½ inches long. Her parents are Pamela and Joseph Roderick of Athens.

(More babies to the right) ➔

IRS Extends Tax Deadline

The IRS is giving taxpayers two extra days to get their taxes paid this year. Tax Day typically falls on April 15th, but the IRS is pushing back this year's filing deadline to Tuesday, April 17th. The extension was granted because April 15th falls on a Sunday this year and Monday, April 16th, is Emancipation Day, a holiday in Washington, D.C.

Church Events & News

- Women at the Well Ministries will take part in the worship service at Restoration Church on Highway 39, Athens, this Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

- Full Circle Women's Services will present a "Pastor and Youth Directors Breakfast" next Tuesday, January 10th, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Glenn Lowe Dining Room at Tennessee Wesleyan College. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to Full Circle by phone at 423-744-3005 or e-mail: director@fullcirclepregnancy.com

Zaylah Cassady was born December 28th at ARMC. She weighed 5 pounds and 10 ounces and was 18 inches long. Her mother is Cortney Cassaday of Athens.

Marshall Cook was born December 27th at ARMC. He weighed 7 pounds and 1 ounce and was 20 inches long. His parents are Candie Thornton and John Cook of Loudon.

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