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Local and State News

◆ SALES TAX HIKE ON COUNCIL AGENDA

The Athens City Council holds its monthly meeting at 6 tonight, and a major item on the agenda is an ordinance to allow residents to vote in a referendum to raise the sales tax from 2% to 2.75%. The Council will vote on the ordinance's first reading tonight. If it passes, a second vote will be held at a called meeting in February. If the second reading passes, the public referendum will be placed on the May 6th ballot.

◆ CALLING ALL VETERANS TO EXPO

All veterans in the area are invited to a "Veteran's Expo" on Saturday, February 1st, at the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum, 522 W. Madison Avenue, Athens. "Veteran's Expo" will be a Town Hall Meeting designed to explore the many resources that Athens has available for veterans. The Expo will include representatives from the Tennessee Career Center, the Tennessee College of Applied Technology, the McMinn County Veterans Affairs Office, local industries, local financial institutions, and the McMinn Senior Center. Citizens National Bank will provide veterans with a free BBQ lunch. If you are a veteran, please call the Living Heritage Museum at 745-0329 and let them know you plan to attend.

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◆ Thirty-eight people were inside an International Nutrition plant that exploded Monday morning in Omaha, Nebraska. Ten people were taken to hospitals and four are in critical condition. It is not known how many people died in the explosion. Crews have stopped rescue efforts because the plant is unstable. They will start a slower recovery effort to retrieve victims, so rescuers will work deliberately to ensure their safety.

◆ After a 31-month hibernation in a nearly decade-old quest to explore a comet, The European space probe Rosetta woke up Monday. Rosetta is described as a "sleeping beauty" that has emerged from a long sleep. Its goal is to meet up in August with a comet, 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko, and in November send down a lander to carry out experiments on the icy wanderer.

◆ In Russia, an urgent search for a possible female suicide bomber has been launched by Sochi police. It's possible that she's already made it past the ring of security set up for the Olympic Games. Posters with pictures and descriptions of a 22-year-old woman from nearby Dagestan were distributed by authorities and a similar flyer was also seen posted at Sochi's airport. The woman is identified as Ruzanna Ibragimova, using the nickname Salima, the widow of a militant reportedly killed in a shoot-out with police last year in Dagestan.

◆ Kenneth Bae, a U.S. missionary imprisoned in reclusive North Korea for more than a year, said he wants to return to his family as soon as possible and hopes the United States will help. Bae, a 45-year old ethnic Korean, was jailed for 15 years of hard labor for state subversion in North Korea. He was detained in 2012 while leading a tour group.

McMINN COUNTY Ready To WORK

- Ready to Work is eight four-hour sessions taught over four weeks beginning on February 4th.
- The program is taught by local industry & educational professionals.
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WEATHER

Tuesday - Mostly cloudy.
60% chance of light snow.
Temp drops to mid 20's in p.m.
Tuesday night - Partly cloudy.
Very Cold. Lows around 14.
Wednesday - Mostly sunny.
Highs in the lower 30's.
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Athens, Tennessee

New Report on Suicides In TN

The Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network has issued its latest report titled the "Status of Suicide in Tennessee 2014." The report includes a summary of suicide trends within Tennessee in 2012, the latest year for which figures are available.

There were 956 reported suicide deaths in Tennessee in 2012, or 14.8 per 100,000 people. Of that number, 100 were between the ages of 10 and 24 (about one every four days), and 135 were over the age of 65 (about one every three days).

The report says suicide among teens is the third-leading cause of death among people ages 10-19, behind deaths from cancer and heart disease. Approximately one in four high school students reported a prolonged period of sadness or hopelessness. One in seven considered suicide. One in nine planned an attempt. One in 16 actually made an attempt to kill themselves.

The report says almost two-thirds of all suicides in Tennessee involve a firearm. Poisoning and suffocation are the second and third choice. Jumping and drowning are relatively uncommon in Tennessee compared to other states.

The figures show there were 11 suicides in McMinn County in 2011 versus 5 in 2010. Meigs County had 0 suicides in 2011, but had 4 in 2010. Monroe County reported 8 suicides in 2011 and 9 in 2010.

Obituaries

Howard Simmons, age 60, of Athens (and formerly of Harford, Maryland) died Sunday at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. He was a custodian with the Harford County Public Schools for 30 years. Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 2 to 4 p.m.

Claytie Marie Work Marshall, age 87, died Monday at NHC Healthcare of Athens. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Freedom Baptist Church with visitation from 5-7 p.m. at the church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Sheila Diane Jenkins, age 54, of Athens died Sunday. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Bowers Funeral Home in Decatur, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Ricky Self, Sr., age 54, of Englewood died last Friday. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah.

Louie E. Carter, age 76, of Niota died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

HERE'S A STRANGE: A 23-year-old jogger from Compton, California went for an early evening run last week and when he got back to his home, he discovered that he had been shot and didn't know it. He was taken to a nearby hospital and treated for his wound. Police nor the jogger have a clue who shot him or why.

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