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Thursday-January 23, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

### State & Local News

#### ◆ PERKINSON EXPLAINS SALES TAX MOVE

As we reported yesterday, the Athens City Council voted Tuesday evening to remove from their agenda the ordinance calling for a voter referendum on whether to raise the local sales tax in Athens from 2% to 2.75%. Councilman Bo Perkinson made the motion to take the issue off the agenda. Perkinson told WYXI Radio and The Morning Fax that "we're just not ready to move forward at this point."

Perkinson says the council doesn't have all the information it needs, and more time is needed to gather that information. He also says city officials have not imparted sufficient information to the citizens.

Councilman Perkinson says in his opinion, the council feels the sales tax increase is the right direction, rather than raising property taxes. He points out that Athens has not had a local sales tax increase since 1977 and that property taxes have not been increased in 17 years. As a result, he says the city government does not have the cash flow sufficient to maintain the streets, fund the schools, and replenish the dwindling capital reserves.

As for the next step, Perkinson says the council members will discuss the tax issue further at its retreat and at a meeting with the Athens City School Board next month. He says council members will continue to work to get information out to the community.

If the council does pass a sales tax increase ordinance on two readings, the issue would be put on the May 6th ballot.

### National & International News

◆ Ukraine President Viktor Yanukovich received a stark ultimatum from opposition leaders on Wednesday to call early elections within 24 hours or face more popular rage. At least two protesters have been killed in confrontations with police in a grim escalation of a two-month long political crisis.

◆ Israel said it foiled an "advanced" al-Qaida plan to carry out a suicide bombing on the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv and bomb other targets, in what analysts said was the first time the global terror network's leadership has been directly involved in plotting an attack inside Israel. Three Palestinians who allegedly plotted bombings, shootings, kidnappings and other attacks were arrested. Two are from Jerusalem and one is from the West Bank and were recruited by an operative based in the Gaza Strip who worked for al-Qaida leader Ayman al-Zawahri.

◆ A fire raged at a biodiesel complex after an explosion that was felt miles away in northern Mississippi on Wednesday. There are no reports of injuries, but it is unclear whether all workers were accounted for. Biodiesel refineries make fuel from a variety of non-petroleum products such as vegetable oil or animal fats.

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### WEATHER

**Thursday** - Becoming mostly sunny. High - lower to mid 20's.  
**Thurs. night** - Partly cloudy. Lows 6 to 9. Wind chill readings 5 below to 5 above zero at times.  
**Friday** - Sunny. Highs in the upper 20s to lower 30s.  
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## Community News You Can Use

- ✓ Today is the deadline for buying tickets to the 68th Annual Dinner Meeting and Community Awards presentation sponsored by the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce. You can get your tickets at the Chamber office at 13 North Jackson Street or by calling 745-0334. The annual meeting is Thursday, January 30th, at Tennessee Wesleyan College starting at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will NOT be available at the door.
- ✓ 12U McMinn Tribe will hold summer travel baseball tryouts this Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Regional Park Concession Stand area.
- ✓ The Fisk University Jubilee Singers will perform on Monday, February 3rd, at 7:30 p.m. at the Athens City Middle School auditorium. It will be the third event in the Athens Area Council for the Arts "Big Time/Small Town" performance season. The original Jubilee Singers broke racial barriers when they introduced "slave songs" to the world in 1871.
- ✓ This week's Athens Kiwanis Club meeting will be a business meeting. No program will be presented.
- ✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library will be assisting a Central High School student's campaign to collect jeans. "Jeans for Teens" is a national campaign. All jeans collected will be donated and distributed to homeless teenagers. The jeans should be free from rips, frays, and tears unless originally designed that way. Jean donations may be dropped off at the Etowah Carnegie Library or at McMinn Central through February 14th.

## Obituaries

**Carrie Mae Dennis Queen**, age 67, of Athens died last Thursday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.

**Louie E. Carter**, age 76, of Niota, died on Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. He had worked at Shankle Oil Company and later owned King Louie Trucking Company and the Happy Valley Farm, a beef cattle operation. Funeral services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

**James Clark McDaniel**, age 83, of Athens died Wednesday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. He was retired from Duracell. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation afterwards from 5 to 7 p.m. at Ziegler.

**Brenda Robinette**, age 67, of Athens died Tuesday. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah.

**Linda Sue Lawson**, age 71, of Etowah, died Tuesday. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah.

**James Lewis "J.L." McCowan, Sr.**, age 83, of Niota, died Tuesday. Funeral arrangements will be announced by M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens.

**Darst Vontella Beach**, age 84 of Etowah and formerly of Kentucky, died Wednesday at McMinn Memorial Nursing Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 1-2 p.m. at Bordwine.

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**1719** - The principality of Liechtenstein was constituted on this date. The tiny country is located in a valley in the Alps between Austria and Switzerland. It occupies only 61 square miles.

**1737** - John Hancock, the first signer of the Declaration of Independence, was born. He became famous for his bold signature. Even today, when a man signs a document, he is said to have written his "John Hancock."

**1968** - North Korean forces seized the U.S. spy ship Pueblo, the first American naval vessel captured at sea since 1812. The 82 crew members and one body were released after 10 months of secret negotiations.

**1973** - President Richard Nixon announced an accord had been reached to end the Vietnam War.

**2002** - Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl was abducted in Karachi, Pakistan, by a group demanding the return of prisoners from the Afghan war. He was later beheaded and video of the killing was shown on TV.

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