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Thursday, February 18, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

## Local & State News

### ◆ COUNCIL TO DISCUSS SALES TAX LETTER

The Athens City Council has voted to have a called meeting to discuss the contents of a letter that was sent to residents recently containing information about the March 1st referendum on raising the sales tax rate in Athens. The letter, which cost \$2,700.00 to mail, was authorized by City Manager Mitch Moore without it being authorized by the City Council. The city attorney says the letter contained accurate and factual information about the city's sources of income and the effects of a tax increase. Councilman Dick Pelley says the letter also contains opinions. His motion for a special meeting to discuss the letter was approved by a unanimous 5-0 vote.

### ◆ COUNCIL GETS POLICE & FIRE REPORTS

Police Chief Chuck Ziegler's monthly report to the City Council showed there were 54 thefts in Athens in January, 20 assaults, 17 burglaries, four motor vehicle thefts, one robbery, and one sex offense. Police issued citations for 424 moving violations. There were 72 traffic accidents in January, with 21 injuries.

Fire Chief Jim Dyer reported that firefighters responded to 54 calls in January. One of those was a clothes dryer fire at the Holiday Express which caused \$40,000 in damages.

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## NATIONAL-WORLD NEWS

◆ Apple is pushing back in response to a federal magistrate's order requiring them to assist the FBI in accessing data from a phone belonging to one of the San Bernardino shooters. Apple pledges to challenge the request in the name of its customers' privacy.

◆ Just days before the Nevada caucuses, Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders are locked in a tight race while Donald Trump remains poised to run away with an easy win.

◆ Another of those fairly frequent, but small, earthquakes was recorded in the Athens area Wednesday morning. The quake, which measured 1.8 on the Richter Scale, was centered 9 miles south, southeast of Etowah or 18 miles south, southeast of Athens. It happened at 9:07 a.m.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The annual Arts Gala sponsored by the Athens Area Council for the Arts Auxiliary will take place on Saturday, March 5th, at The Arts Center in downtown Athens. from 6:30 p.m. to midnight. Gala 2016 is called *Downton Athens* and will include a silent auction, music by the Tim Hughes Quartet, and a 9 p.m. dance with music by The Beaters. Proceeds from the Arts Gala are earmarked to support school and community arts education. Tickets are \$75 and advanced reservations are required. Call 745-8781.

✓ The Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon of United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties will be at 12 noon today at Woodward Avenue Church of God.

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Join the McMinn Senior Center for their  
**2016 Annual Chili Supper/ Auction**  
 Friday, February 19 @ 4PM  
 Admission Price \$5  
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**RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT**

**Western Sizzlin' Steak House-1804 Decatur Pike**  
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**WEATHER**  
**Thursday - Sunny.** Highs in the lower to mid 50's.  
**Thurs. Night - Mostly clear.** Lows in the mid to upper 30's.  
**Friday - Sunny.** Highs in the lower 60's.  
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### Sandhill Cranes in McMinn County

We've all heard about the Sandhill Cranes that spend the winter at the Hiwassee Refuge in Meigs County. Well, those cranes have now been spotted in McMinn County. Jennifer Hardison got a call from a friend telling her there were nine of the cranes in a small lake off Highway 305. She grabbed her camera and got some photos. Jennifer says the photo below was taken from a distance of about 200 yards on a cloudy and rainy day.



### Obituaries

- **Dr. James F. Cleveland**, age 82, of Powell, died last Saturday. He had a medical practice in Englewood for many years. A private service was held on Tuesday. Click Funeral Home of Knoxville was in charge.
- **Minnie Anna Belle Bradley Moore**, age 78, of Athens, died last Friday. She was a CNA for many years. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Lane Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church in Niota, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m. M.D. Dotson & Sons is in charge.
- **Nell Mae Malone Gambill**, age 99, of Athens, died last Sunday at Woods Village in Sweetwater. She had worked in the textile industry. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 2 to 4 p.m.
- **Myrtle "Tootsie" Bell Green**, age 79, of Decatur, died Tuesday at Sweetwater Hospital. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Thursday at Bowers Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m.
- **Valery Helen Hemmon Perry Cates**, age 77, of Englewood, died Monday at Starr Regional Medical Center. The family will have a private service. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.
- **Thomas Joseph Scanlon**, age 97, of Athens, died Sunday at his home. He was a veteran of WWII and fought in five major battles. He was a retired engineer for the City of Chicago. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Mary Catholic Church with Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.



**Did You Know???**

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**Everyone is Invited to Attend- ACMS Chorus Performance and Free Pizza & Drinks**



**Date: Thursday, February 18  
Time: 6:15p.m.  
Location: Athens City Middle School**

Athens City School Board Members and Athens City Council Members will be available to hear your comments and questions regarding funding issues and the future of Athens.



### TODAY IN HISTORY - FEBRUARY 18th

- 1546** - Martin Luther, leader of the Protestant Reformation, died in Eiselben, Germany.
- 1678** - John Bunyan's book "Pilgrim's Progress" was licensed for publication. The book uses allegory to trace a Christian's walk through life.
- 1745** - Italian physicist Alessandro Volta was born. He invented the electric battery. The "volt," a unit of electrical measurement, is named for him.
- 1861** - Jefferson Davis was sworn into office as president of the Confederate States of America at Montgomery, Alabama, as the War Between the States got underway.
- 1885** - "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain was published.
- 1914** - Pee Wee King, singer and songwriter, was born. He co-wrote "The Tennessee Waltz." He was the leader of the group known as Pee Wee King and His Golden West Cowboys. One of their hits was "Slow Poke."
- 1952** - Country singer Juice Newton was born.
- 1954** - Actor and dancer John Travolta was born.