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Monday, February 29, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

Local & Area News

◆ **NUMBER OF HOMELESS DROPS IN McMINN**
CRAM, Community Resource Agency of McMinn, recently completed its second Point-In-Time count of homeless people in McMinn County. In the first count in January of 2015, 46 homeless people were identified. This year, the number had dropped to 31. CRAM chair Priscilla Rutherford says there are several reasons for the drop. She said some have moved, some are in jail, and some have been moved into permanent housing. CRAM's Faith-based Committee led by Will Shelton, Associate Pastor at Keith Memorial United Methodist Church, is looking at the 31 homeless individuals and families and trying to address their needs. Ms. Rutherford says the goal is to assist in moving them from homelessness into permanent housing. If you would like to help or would like more information, you can call CRAM at 443-7675.

◆ TUESDAY IS ELECTION DAY

Tomorrow is election day in Tennessee. In McMinn County, the polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. There will be no classes in the public schools tomorrow, since many of the schools serve as polling places. Voters in McMinn County will be able to vote in either the Republican or Democrat primary for president. Republican voters will also be able to vote in the property assessor's race for either Johnny Johnson or Keith Price. Both the Democrat and Republican ballots for residents of Athens will contain a referendum on whether to raise the local option sales tax by three-quarters of a percent.

STATE NEWS

◆ A report in the Denver Post quotes two close sources as saying former UT quarterback Peyton Manning will announce his decision to retire from playing pro football by the end of this week.

◆ The Tennessee Department of Transportation says I-75 in Campbell County will be closed in both directions until further notice due to a rockslide. Northbound traffic will be detoured off at Exit 134 onto U.S. 25W. It may be the end of March before the stretch of interstate is re-opened.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Habitat for Humanity of McMinn County will be handing out applications for new homes this Thursday, March 3rd, at 6 p.m. and on Saturday, March 5th, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the E.G. Fisher Library in Athens. Those are the only dates you can pick up an application. The applications must be turned in by 5 p.m., April 18th, at the library. For information, call Tracie McCartney at 252-8019.

CORRECTION: An ad in last Friday's Morning Fax stated incorrectly that Victory Baptist Church would be having a revival Feb. 28th through March 31st. The revival actually ends this Wednesday, March 2nd. Services are at 6 p.m. Monday thru Wednesday.

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Wreck Claims Calhoun Man

A one-vehicle traffic crash last Thursday in southwest McMinn County took the life of a Calhoun man. Chris Davis, 51, died when he apparently over-corrected after his van ran off County Road 48. The van then hit a tree. Davis was pronounced dead at the scene.

TIME TO HIT THE TRAIL

The beautiful weekend we just had gave folks a chance to go for a hike on the Eureka Trail. That's the name of the 4.9 mile long walking trail running from Athens to Englewood along a former railroad bed. The initial rock that was placed on the trail made walking or riding a bike a little difficult. However, a contractor has now laid down a tightly packed gravel surface making it smoother for walkers and bicyclists. On the Athens end, the trail starts on East Madison Avenue across from the E and E plant.



Obituaries

- **Samuel Elmer Bowman**, age 75, of Athens died last Thursday at his home after a five year battle with cancer. He served 6 years in the Navy and retired from J.M. Huber. Memorial services were held Sunday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.
- **Barbara Jane Haun Sayne**, age 80, of Athens died last Thursday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. She was a former employee of United Technology Carriers Corp. in Knoxville. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Mt. Verd Baptist Church, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.
- **Larry Alan Jelley**, age 69, of Athens died last Friday at Parkwest Medical Center. He was serving as minister at Spring Creek Church of Christ. He had preached the gospel for over 40 years in Tennessee and several other states. He taught special education classes at North City Elementary School and E.K. Baker School. He was once recognized as Special Education Teacher of the Year. After retiring from the public school system, he operated the Sylvan Learning Center. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam Conflict. Funeral services were held Sunday night at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

REMINDER: Today is the deadline for paying your city and county property taxes without having to pay interest and penalties.

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