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Friday, April 21, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ FUEL TAX BILL PASSES LEGISLATURE

The first gasoline tax increase in Tennessee since 1989 has passed in both the House and the Senate. The vote in the House was 60 to 37. In the Senate, it was 25 to 6. Senator Mike Bell and Rep. John Forgety of McMinn County both voted for the bill. The tax revenue will be used for almost 1000 road projects. The gas tax will go up six cents, starting with four cents per gallon the first year and an additional one cent each in the two following years. Diesel fuel taxes will go up 10 cents a gallon, starting with a six-cent increase the first year and two cents each the next two years. Registration fees for passenger vehicles will go up \$5 per year. Electric car owners will have to pay a \$100 annual fee. At the same time there will be a one percent cut in the sales tax on food, a decrease in corporate franchise and excises taxes, and a continued phase-out of the Hall Income Tax which affects mostly seniors and retirees. The bill passed by the Senate was slightly different than the House bill, so the measure must go back to the House for final action on Monday.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Made in Tennessee and Made in McMinn County exhibits continue at the McMinn Living Heritage Museum.

National & World News

◆ After an Amber Alert lasting more than a month, former Tennessee school teacher Tad Cummins and his student, 14-year-old



Elizabeth Thomas, have been found in northern California. Cummins, 55, is under arrest on charges of kidnapping the girl on March 13th in Columbia, TN. The vehicle used by Cummins was found late

Wednesday night. The pair were located Thursday after police received a tip. They had been living in a commune. Miss Thomas was okay. Police say Cummins will be extradited to Tennessee. Miss Thomas will be reunited with her family.

◆ Two Seattle police officers were shot Thursday while responding to a robbery at a 7-Eleven. Both are in stable condition.

◆ Bill O'Reilly could receive a payout as high as \$25 million as he exits his role at Fox News.

◆ On Wednesday, a jury convicted Eric Frein on 12 counts, including first degree murder and attempted murder in the shooting of a pair of Pennsylvania State Troopers in 2014.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Friday - Cloudy. 80% rain & t'storms. High 82.

Fri. Night - 90% rain & t'storms. Low 58.

Saturday - 80% rain & t'storms. High 80.

Sunday - 50% rain. High 59.

More Weather at: wysi.com

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Church News and Events

- ✓ The ladies from Women at the Well will be the special guests at Nonaburg House of Prayer this Saturday at 7 p.m.
- ✓ Lane's Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church in Niota will observe Pastor Hugh Dixon's 3rd anniversary this Sunday. The 11 a.m. speaker will be Sister Veronica Clark and lunch will follow. The 3 p.m. guest speaker will be Rev. L. Samuel Brown from Rockford, TN. The church is located at 904 County Road 264, Niota.
- ✓ Lakeside Baptist Church on Highway 304 in Ten Mile will have a night of worship and song this Sunday at 6 p.m. The 1st Baptist Church of Decatur choir will present the musical, "Because He Lives."
- ✓ Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church of Etowah will have their Second Sunday Singing this Sunday at 6 p.m. The WASP staff and children will be singing. The church is located at 923 Ohio Avenue.
- ✓ Coghill Baptist Church will have a revival service starting this Sunday, with Jimmy Dunn in the morning service. Mike Rymer will speak at the Sunday evening service. Daniel Stewart will be the speaker Monday through Wednesday nights. The evening services start at 6:30. The church is located at 104 County Road 810, Etowah.

Obituaries

◆ **Wilma Davis Cameron**, age 88, of Santa Cruz, California, died last Saturday at her home. She was born in Monroe County, and served in Christian ministry in the Congo, Kenya, and the United States. Funeral services will take place at Beaty's Chapel Baptist Church in Tellico Plains at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 6th. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT: The stock market rallied, with the Nasdaq closing at a record high as investors shrugged off weaker than expected manufacturing and jobs data and welcomed a deluge of stronger-than-expected corporate earnings reports and economic data. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 174.22 at 20,578.71. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 17.67 at 2,355.84, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 53.74 at 5,916.78.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- If you are widowed, a single parent, or living on a fixed income, you may qualify for a free oil change and a free seminar on how to best manage your money. These services will be provided by McMinn Car Care Ministry on May 20th. To apply, call 263-0160.
- The Walker Valley High School Dance Team has been invited to perform at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Parade to mark the Dec. 7, 1941, bombing by the Japanese. Under the direction of Becky Brady, the Walker Valley team will travel to Honolulu. To help the team's fundraising efforts, contact Becky Brady at 423-715-8025.



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