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State & Local News

◆ MURDER-SUICIDE CASE ON Co. Road 754

The McMinn County Sheriff's Office is investigating the deaths of two people on County Road 754 in the Piney Grove community Tuesday night. Sheriff Joe Guy says it appears to be a case of murder and suicide. A man called 911 dispatchers and said two words, "murder, suicide," and then hung up. Deputies went to the scene and talked to Catherine Dickson, who told them she did not know where her husband was. She said her husband's aunt was asleep in a bedroom. Deputies checked on the aunt and she was dead, apparently from asphyxiation. They searched outside the house and found Kenneth Dickson, 65, lying on the ground. He was dead from a gunshot wound to his chest. Dickson's aunt was identified as Helena Spect, age 85. Sheriff Guy says it appears that Dickson smothered his aunt and then took his own life.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Kiwanis Club meets this Friday at noon in the Glen Lowe Dining Room at Tennessee Wesleyan College. The guest speaker will be Tim Spires, CEO of the Tennessee Association of Manufacturers and the Chattanooga Regional Manufacturers Association.

National & International News

◆ At least 20 homes are uninhabitable after a gas leak led to an explosion in Ewing, New Jersey. Officials are trying to establish the ignition point but said they may never be able to do so. A contractor working to replace a home's electric service damaged a gas line. The utility was told of the damage around noon Tuesday and crews were repairing the line when the explosion happened. One person was killed and seven were injured.

◆ Lois Lerner, the former Internal Revenue Service official at the heart of the agency's Tea Party scandal once again refused to answer questions at a congressional hearing Wednesday. Lerner headed the IRS division that improperly targeted Tea Party and other conservative groups for extra scrutiny when they applied for tax-exempt status during the 2010 and 2012 elections. She was the first IRS official to publicly disclose the targeting and issued an apology on behalf of the agency at a law conference in May 2013.

◆ Beth Jacob, Chief Information Officer of Target Corp. has resigned. Target is overhauling its information security and compliance division in the wake of a massive pre-Christmas data breach.

◆ A private survey shows that U.S. companies added 139,000 jobs last month, up from only 127,000 in January.

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WEATHER
Thursday - Cloudy. 20% rain in P.M. Highs - lower 50's.
Thurs. night - Mostly cloudy. 60% rain. Lows around 40.
Friday - Mostly sunny. 20% rain in A.M.. Highs in the upper 50's to lower 60's.
 More Weather & Zoom Radar at: www.wyxi.com

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TWC Spring Break in Canada

A group of Tennessee Wesleyan College students had an alternative spring break. Instead of going south, they went north to Toronto, Ontario, Canada, where they helped at a food bank. They received service hours and learned about Canadian culture from Professor Dick Pelley's niece. (Photo by Dick Pelley)



Obituaries

Martha Washington Wilson Thurman, age 87, of Decatur died Tuesday at Parkwest Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. at Ziegler.

Imogene Fitch died Tuesday. She lived in the Mouse Creek community of McMinn County her entire life. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Thursday at Bowers Funeral Home in Decatur, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

STATE NEWS HEADLINES

◆ OBAMA AGAIN PROPOSES TO SELL TVA

The White House is once again proposing to sell the Tennessee Valley Authority. In the president's budget plan for fiscal 2015, the Office of Management and Budget suggests that the federal government should consider transferring or selling TVA to state and local governments, power cooperatives, or energy companies in the Tennessee Valley.

◆ BILL WOULD ABOLISH THE HALL TAX

A move is underway in the Tennessee legislature to do away with the Hall Income Tax. The tax is 6% and applies to taxable interest and dividend income. The proposed legislation would gradually phase out the Hall Tax over a period of six to seven years. Backers say the Hall Tax amounts to double taxation for Tennessee citizens who are thrifty and know how to save and invest.

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