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Thursday, May 12, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ ATHENS PROPERTY TAX MAY GO DOWN

It's not very often these days when any government agency lowers taxes, but that may happen in the City of Athens. City Manager Mitch Moore has presented his budget proposal to the City Council. It includes a cut in the property tax rate. The property tax was raised last year, with \$.1142 of the increase specifically earmarked for the consolidation of the Athens City Schools. Moore is recommending that the property tax be reduced by \$.1142. The reason for the tax cut is because of the Athens City School Board's decision to reevaluate their possible plans to consolidate schools. The City Council will vote on the first reading of the budget at next Tuesday's regular Council meeting.

◆ DUMP TRUCK DRIVER RAN FOR HELP

After realizing the trailer he was pulling behind his dump truck had come loose and caused a bad wreck, John Bennett ran to a nearby EMS station and told them there had been a bad wreck. He then ran into the woods. He stayed in the woods until he surrendered to bail bondsman Bennie King. King said Bennett was scared and knew that he had to face the consequences of causing the wreck. He is being held in the Bradley County Jail on a \$200,000 bond for past charges. He will first answer to those charges in Bradley County, and then face charges related to the crash in Meigs County. Four people were killed when the trailer broke loose and veered into oncoming traffic last Friday on Highway 58 about two miles south of Decatur.

NATIONAL & STATE NEWS

◆ For the first time since 2014, climbers have reached the top of Mount Everest. The group of nine Nepalese climbers reached the summit on Wednesday at 5:02 p.m. local time.

◆ Sen. John Thune, Republican from South Dakota, the third-ranking Republican in the Senate, told reporters Wednesday that he hopes that House Speaker Paul Ryan comes around to supporting Donald Trump as his party's presumptive nominee.

◆ FBI Director James Comey, is questioning Hillary Clinton's Description of the FBI e-mail investigation as a 'security inquiry.' Clinton has repeatedly described the investigation as a 'security inquiry,' and Comey says that he is not familiar with this term and the FBI is conducting an investigation because that's the bureau's business, and "that's what we do."

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ Southeast Tennessee Legal Services will be at the Etowah Carnegie Library today from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Free legal advice will be offered to low income parents of minor children in McMinn County, including divorce, custody, child support, and other family law matters.

✓ Boy Scout Troop 624 from Trinity Methodist Church will have a pancake breakfast this Saturday at Applebee's from 7 to 10 a.m.



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Thursday, May 12, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

Train Day at the Depot!

Etowah will celebrate its train heritage on National Train Day this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the L&N Depot & Museum. The event is sponsored by the Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce, the L&N Depot & Museum, Tennessee Overhill, and CSX Railroad. Children can enjoy riding Little Pete's Railroad around the Depot walking trail area. It will be Train Tales story time at the top of each hour. There will be music by Perry and Diane Brake, blacksmith demonstrations by Robby Firestone, and the Chattanooga Model and Scale Trains club will have a model railroad display on exhibit in the depot. The event is free to the public.

(Photo of Little Pete's Railroad courtesy of Durant Tullock)



Obituaries

- **Wallace "Wally" Keller**, age 88, of Niota, died Monday at his home. Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at Niota Cemetery, with visitation from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home.
- **Otsa B. Isbill**, age 89, of Etowah, died Tuesday at Etowah Health Care. She was retired from Athens Stove Works. Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery, with visitation from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home.
- **Robert "Bob" Gladu**, age 58, of McMinn County, died Tuesday at Tennova Healthcare of Cleveland. He was a former employee of NFIB for 16 years. Funeral services will be Friday at 7 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Wilma Hibbard Walker**, age 87, of Etowah, died Wednesday at her home. A graveside service will be Friday at 9 a.m. at McMinn Memory Gardens with visitation Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Bordwine Funeral Home.
- **James Curtis "Curt" Mitchell**, age 71, of Athens, died Tuesday at Parkwest Medical Center. He was an accomplished Artist and was the Artist in Residence for Days Inn of America. He drew commissioned works for numerous individuals and groups including Tennessee Wesleyan College. Funeral services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs.

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Tonight:
**Big Story &
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WEATHER

Thursday - Partly sunny. 60% rain & t'storms. High - lower to mid 80's.

Thurs. Night - 80% rain & t'storms. Lows around 60.

Friday - Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid to upper 70's.

Fri. Night - Clear. Lows in the lower to mid 50's.

More Weather @ www.wyxi.com

PRE K-3 ENDORSEMENT SUMMER SEMINAR

JUNE 20-24 AT TENNESSEE WESLEYAN COLLEGE

Tennessee Wesleyan will hold a Pre-K endorsement seminar for teachers interested in adding pre-K through 3 to their existing license or looking to add 45 professional development points towards license renewal.

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