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Thursday, August 22, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

Local & Area News

◆ WHEN DOES THE TAX INCREASE TAKE EFFECT?

Voters approved a .75% increase in the local sales tax in Athens on Tuesday. In case you're wondering when the tax increase takes effect, it will be next January. The sales tax collections are sent to the state, which then returns 2.75% to the city. It will be next March before that tax money is received by Athens. As for an increase in the property tax, that will be up to the Athens City Council. Any property tax hike will not take place until the next spring at the earliest. *Morning Fax**

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The LITE House, an entrepreneurial resource center and Co-working space in downtown Athens, will celebrate their grand opening tomorrow, August 23rd, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at their new location at #1 West College Street. You are encouraged to drop in for the open house. *Morning Fax**
- ✓ Athens Utilities Board says local electric power rates for September will fall compared to August based on lower generation fuel charges from TVA. AUB spokesman Wayne Scarbrough says the change will drop the bill of the average residential user of 1,200 kilowatt hours by \$2.00. *Morning Fax**
- ✓ The final Sounds of Summer concert for this year will be this Saturday at 7 p.m. at Market Park Pavilion in Downtown Athens. The music will feature Mending Wall with Will Carter and Stephen Brannen. The concert is free; bring a chair. *Morning Fax**

Women's Suffrage Centennial

The Official Committee of the State of Tennessee Woman Suffrage Centennial kicked off a yearlong celebration to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Women's Suffrage movement in Tennessee this past Monday. The committee hosted an hour long program at War Memorial Auditorium. The event highlighted Tennessee's pivotal role as the 36th and last state to ratify the 19th Amendment. The deciding vote was cast by 24-year-old Rep. Harry T. Burn of Niota. Rep. Burn's great-nephew, Tyler Boyd, was at the kickoff program to sign copies of his new book about Harry Burn. *Morning Fax**



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Obituaries

♦ **Virginia Lee Malsky**, age 86, of Etowah, died Tuesday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. Memorial services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 10 to 11 a.m.

♦ **Jim Crittenden**, age 84, of Chattanooga (and a native of Riceville), died this week. He established Eyeear One Hour Optical over 60 years ago and was probably most recognized for shaving off half of his beard for his stores' half-price sales and for dying his beard purple in TV commercials. His son, Jimmy, lives in Athens. Private services were held at Heritage Funeral Home in Chattanooga.

♦ **J. L. "Sarge" Collins**, age 83 of Jellico (and a native of Tellico Plains), died Saturday. He served for 21 years in the U.S. Marine Corps, retiring as a First Sergeant. He later worked for CSX Transportation. Funeral services were held Wednesday at Cox and Son Funeral Home of Jellico.

WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks closed higher. All sectors advanced. Consumer discretionary lead the day on positive retail results.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 240 points or 0.9% to 26,203. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 24 points or 0.8% to 2,924, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 72 points or 0.9% to 8,020.

Ribbon Cut for MIG

A ribbon cutting was held recently for new Athens Chamber of Commerce member, MIG Athens Mortgage Investors Group, located at 14 East Washington Ave., Athens. Pictured front left to right: Tabatha Fox (Shelter Ins), Lisa Dotson (Main Street), Lisa Harrison (Diplomat), Diane Hansen (Carriage Hill Ins), Crissie Bennett (Weichert Realtors), Robin Fuller (East TN Properties), Kiera Harveston, Megan Burns, & Brenda Lowe (MIG), Robin Fuller (Keller Williams), Haley Longwith, Kim York, & Ashton Robinson (Diplomats), C. Seth Sumner (City Manager). Back row: Robin Manis (Crye-Leike Realtors), Erin Holt (Keller Williams), Bo Perkinson (City Council), Rob Preston (Chamber President/CEO), Logan White (MIG), Teri Winters (Tri-State Property Inspectors), Joseph Ladner (Edward Jones), Matthew Crabtree (DPA), Erin Blankenship & Luke Shepherd (Diplomats)

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