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Today's News...This Morning

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Monday - January 17, 2011

Athens, Tennessee

## STATE AND LOCAL NEWS

### ◆ TVA TO LOWER RATES

TVA will lower its rates by 1.5% in February. That will mean a reduction of between \$1 and \$2 for the average residential utility bill. The decrease stems from a projection of milder weather.

### ◆ IT'S NOW GOVERNOR BILL HASLAM

Bill Haslam was sworn in as Tennessee's 49th governor on Saturday. In his inaugural address, he warned that "difficult choices face us" as his administration tries to close the state's budget gap.

Meantime, State Senator Mike Bell of Riceville has been named Vice-Chairman of the Senate Government Operations Committee and Secretary of the Judiciary Committee. He will also serve on the Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee. Rep. John Forgety was named to the Agriculture, Education, and Children and Family Affairs committees.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

√ Today is Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. It's a holiday for state and federal government offices, banks, public schools, and the post office. The McMinn County Commission will not meet tonight or February 21st. Instead, there will be a special called session on Thursday, February 3rd, at 7:30 p.m.

√ Tennessee Wesleyan College will host a Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Celebration tonight at 7 at Townsend Auditorium. The Athens Community Choir will perform. The event is free.

## NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL NEWS

◆ Doctors say they continue to be satisfied with Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords' recovery from a gunshot wound to her head. On Saturday, they removed her from a ventilator and inserted a breathing tube into her neck. The next test will be to see if she is able to talk.

◆ In a bizarre twist to the Arizona shootings, a man who was wounded in the attack was arrested and taken for a psychiatric exam after an outburst at a town meeting being taped for a special edition of ABC-TV's "This Week." James Eric Fuller was detained after he took a picture of a tea party leader and yelled "you're dead."

◆ Two senators from different parties say they'll skip tradition and sit together during President Obama's State of the Union address. The decision by Republican Tom Coburn of Oklahoma and Democrat Chuck Schumer of New York comes amid calls for greater civility in political discourse following the Arizona shootings.

◆ Nebraska's 17-year-old Teresa Scanlan has become the youngest person to be crowned Miss America. She wowed the judges by wearing a white evening gown and by playing a rousing rendition of "White Water Chopped Sticks" on the piano.



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## WEATHER

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**Monday night** - 80% chance of rain, low of 36.

**Tuesday** - 80% chance of rain, high of 47.

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## A FEW MORE SNOW SCENES

Pat Horton sent us the photo of the "Fountain in Her Winter Dress" in Woodridge Estates.



Kelly Morgan, who works at Denso, took this picture of an 8-foot tall snowman.



Thanks to all Morning Fax readers who submitted snow photos to us.

## OBITUARIES

**Anthony "Bubba" Steward**, age 30, of Athens died Sunday at Athens Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

**Deborah Moore Aly**, age 52, of Etowah died Friday after a lengthy battle with cancer. She had written and directed the annual Easter drama at Mt. Verd Baptist Church for several years before her illness. Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

**Kimberly "Kim" Denise Smith**, age 49, of Athens, died Friday at Athens Regional Medical Center. Burial will be at 2pm Monday in McMinn Memory Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Elsie Watkins**, age 87, of Athens died last Thursday. She was a former bookkeeper and accountant for Graves Buttram Lumber Company for 31 years. Services were held Sunday. Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City was in charge.

**Jeffery A. Galyon**, age 49, of Barbourville, Kentucky, (and originally from Athens) died Saturday. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at McMinn Memory Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

**Brian Cofer**, age 26, of Georgetown died last Wednesday. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the North Ocoee Chapel of Jim Rush Funeral Homes.

**George Arnold Moses**, age 91, of Athens died Sunday. He served in the Army during World War II. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

Before last week's snowfall becomes just a distant memory, here's a scene taken by Carolyn Oliver of her barn in Decatur.



Dedra Newman from Dynasty Spas sent us this photo of their welcome sign.

