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Athens, Tennessee

Local and State News

◆ **AUB COMPLETES POWER GRID UPGRADES**
Athens Utilities Board reports it has completed major upgrades to circuits coming from its South Athens Substation on Rocky Mount Road. The upgrades and an additional new circuit out of the substation are aimed at reducing the number of power blinks and outages for customers in the City Park area. Spokesman Wayne Scarbrough says outages will still occur when trees and limbs come down or when animals get into the lines, but when they do only a few customers may be affected instead of hundreds.

- ◆ **COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**
- ✓ The Athens Chamber of Commerce's monthly Business After Hours event will be this Thursday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at BB&T Bank, located at 204 West Washington Ave.
 - ✓ SETHRA will distribute commodities to McMinn County residents this Thursday at 8:30 a.m. at the National Guard Armory.
 - ✓ The Athens Public Works Department says the railroad crossing on Railroad Avenue at Jackson Street will be closed to through traffic until Friday, Dec. 21, at 5 p.m., for installation of railroad tracks.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ Major General Adnan Sillou, a former top general in Syria's chemical weapons program says that President Bashar al-Assad will deploy his chemical weapons arsenal as he tries to hold onto power and crush the uprising that started almost two years ago.
- ◆ The New York hotel maid who accused Dominique Strauss-Kahn of sexually assaulting her agreed on Monday to settle the civil lawsuit against him for an undisclosed sum. This ends one chapter of a scandal that cost him his job and derailed his political career. He was the former Chief of the International Monetary Fund.
- ◆ As Washington struggles to avert automatic tax hikes and spending cuts it becomes more difficult for governors and lawmakers who are trying to piece together their own state budgets. States have a lot riding on the negotiations, as their economies are powered by military bases and defense contractors that could get cut. Their state income tax revenues could rise or fall as a direct result of federal tax hikes.
- ◆ His death was not reported by the mainstream media, but Christian motivational speaker Zig Ziglar died on November 28th at a hospital in Plano, Texas. He was 86. The cause of death was pneumonia. He was a successful salesman before becoming an internationally-known author and motivational speaker. He appeared several times on the Focus On the Family radio program heard on WYXI Radio.



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Western Sizzlin Steak House-1804 Decatur Pike (745-2626)
Tuesday (11a-4p) 6 oz. Chicken Breast + Salad, Side Item, Bakery, & Dessert Bars, \$7.99. Mon.-Thurs. (All Day) 8 oz. Angus Thick Top Sirloin, choice of side, bakery, & dessert bars, \$8.29. Fresh Rolls Daily!

Toscano Pizza & Italian Grill, Ingles Shopping Center, Athens 746-9900. LUNCH SPECIAL: 11am-2:30pm - Pick up or dine-in only! Spaghetti, Ravioli, Manicotti, Stuffed Shells. Salad not included. \$5.99.



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3:30pm
 Daily,
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 6:30am,
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Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Athens, Tennessee

Restaurant Inspection Scores

The following Athens restaurants were inspected between November 19th and December 6th:

- The Spot - 94**
- Hardee's-Congress Parkway - 94**
- Angela's Deli - 93**
- Applebee's - 93**
- Farmer's Cafe - 93**
- Ming Dynasty - 93**
- Monterrey Mexican Restaurant, Cong. Parkway - 93**
- Bojangles - 92**
- Long John Silvers - 92**
- Ruby Tuesday - 92**
- Small's Cajun Man Drive-In - 92**
- Bare's Family Cafe - 91**
- Cracker Barrel - 91**
- Mexican Cuisine - 89**
- Western Sizzlin - 88**
- Sonic - 87**
- Yamato Cafe - 87**
- Hamburger Heaven - 86**
- Zaxby's - 84**
- Waffle House - 72**

Obituaries

Violet Katherine "Tootsie" Moore Johnson Patterson, age 88, of Englewood, died Monday morning at McMinn Memorial Nursing Home. A funeral service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5-7 p.m.

TENNESSEE WILL NOT RUN A STATE-BASED EXCHANGE
 Governor Haslam announced Monday that the state will not operate a state-based healthcare exchange under the federal Affordable Care Act. Some of the rules from the 800-plus pages, received from the federal government, limit state decisions about running an exchange. Haslam noted that this was a business decision based on what is best for Tennessee at this time. He said if it were a political decision, he would have made it long ago.

Who's New In Pink & Blue?

Mason Hill was born December 5th at Athens Regional Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds and 9 ounces and was 20½ inches long. His parents are Robyn and Justin Hill of Etowah.

Josslynn Judessa Cavender was born Dec. 5th at ARMC. She weighed 5 pounds and 14 ounces and was 18¼ inches long. Her parents are Brooklynn and Joseph Cavender of Etowah.

WEATHER

Tuesday - Sunny. High 48. Winds 10-15 mph.
Tuesday night - Mostly clear. Low 28. Light winds.
Wednesday - Mostly sunny. High 49. Winds < 10 mph.
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This Day In History - Dec. 11

- 1816** - Indiana became a state on this date.
- 1941** - Germany and Italy declared war on the United States, four days after Japan attacked Pearl Harbor.
- 1944** - Singer Brenda Lee was born. Her hit records included "I'm Sorry," "Fool Number One," and the Christmas favorite, "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree."
- 1990** - Ninety-nine vehicles were involved in a chain-reaction accident on Interstate 75 at the Calhoun exit. Several of the vehicles caught fire and burned. Twelve people died and 51 were injured. The tragedy involved 27 separate accidents and was blamed on extremely dense fog.
- 1998** - The House Judiciary Committee approved three articles of impeachment against President Bill Clinton.
- 2008** - Financial manager Bernard Madoff was arrested, accused of running a multibillion-dollar Ponzi scheme that destroyed thousands of people's life savings and wrecked charities. (Madoff later pleaded guilty and is serving 150 years in federal prison)

Monday's Market Results

U.S. stocks ended the day flat after McDonald's reported strong global sales results for November, and growth in China's factory output and retail sales jumped to eight-month highs. Limiting the upside was an unexpected announcement from Italy's Prime Minister Mario Monti who stated he will resign after losing political support. U.S. bond prices ended the day higher. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 14.75 at 13,169.88. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 0.48 at 1,418.55. The NASDAQ Composite Index was up 8.92 at 2,986.96.