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Local & State News


- ◆ **MERCURY PLUNGES TO 1° ABOVE ZERO**
 Just how cold did it get in Athens Tuesday morning? The official low as measured by Athens Utilities Board was one degree. As a result of the extremely cold weather across the Tennessee Valley, TVA issued an "Emergency Load Curtailment" request, asking homeowners and businesses and industries to turn off all non-essential lights, appliances, and other electric devices. TVA says co-operation from its customers helped to lower demand and avoid brownouts or blackouts. Meantime, Athens Utilities Board says customers should brace for sticker shock when they open their utility bills in the coming weeks. Spokesman Wayne Scarbrough says the home heating bills will be dramatically higher.
- ◆ **SOME SCHOOLS TO REMAIN CLOSED**
 The McMinn County Schools will be closed again on Wednesday. Meigs County Schools will be closed also, however staff members should report no later than 10 a.m. The Monroe County and Sweetwater City schools will be closed. Athens City Schools and Fairview Christian Academy WILL be open on Wednesday with a normal schedule.
- ◆ **COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE**
 - ✓ The monthly meeting of the McMinn County School Board will be this Thursday at 7 p.m. at the McMinn County Center for Excellence at #3 South Hill Street in Athens.
 - ✓ The Arts Center's second Open Mic will be held this Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Sue E. Trotter Black Box Theater at The Arts Center, 320 North White Street, in Athens.


NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ A deadly blast of arctic air shattered decades-old temperature records as it enveloped the eastern United States, canceling thousands of flights, driving energy prices higher and overwhelming shelters for homeless people. Half of the country is under a wind chill warning or cold weather advisory with the icy conditions snarling air, road and rail travel.
- ◆ White House-backed legislation to renew jobless benefits unexpectedly cleared an initial Senate hurdle, raising the prospect of a mid-winter compromise to ease the impact of the recession on the long-term unemployed.
- ◆ Three former political activists, John Raines, an 80-year-old retired Temple University professor, his wife, Bonnie, and Keith Forsyth, a former Philadelphia cab driver have revealed their part in a brazen 1971 burglary of an FBI office outside Philadelphia where as many as 1,000 documents were stolen. They claim that they were part of an eight-member ring of anti-Vietnam War protesters.
- ◆ Former NBA star Charles D. Smith says he feels remorse for coming to Pyongyang with Dennis Rodman for a game on the North Korean leader's birthday because the event has been dwarfed by politics and tainted by Rodman's own comments.
- ◆ Because of a right knee injury, Lindsey Vonn will miss the Sochi Olympics leaving the Winter Games without one of its biggest stars. Vonn, 29, from Vail, Colo., announced her decision Tuesday, exactly one month before the opening ceremony in Russia.
- ◆ J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. will pay over \$2.5 billion for ignoring obvious warning signs of Bernard Madoff's massive Ponzi scheme.

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WEATHER
Wednesday - Mostly sunny.
Highs around 40.
Wed. night - Mostly cloudy.
Lows in the lower 20's.
Thursday - Partly sunny.
Highs in the upper 40's.
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Wednesday-January 8, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

2013 ROAD & WEATHER UPDATE

~For only the fourth time in 50 years, fewer than 1,000 people died on Tennessee's roads in 2013. The Department of Safety says final figures show 988 people were killed in vehicle crashes last year. That's a 2.7% drop from 2012.
~The number of DUI arrests has been going up in Tennessee and the number of drunk driving deaths decreased last year. In 2013, 211 people died in alcohol-related crashes.
~State troopers issued more than 74,000 seat belt and child restraint citations last year.
~Troopers reported there were 167 traffic deaths in Tennessee last year that can be attributed to distracted driving.
~Tennessee had 36 tornadoes last year, but no fatalities. The National Weather Service says 25 of the tornadoes took place in January. March and June each had four tornadoes, and there were three in November. It was the first time since 2007 that there were no deaths reported from tornadoes in Tennessee.

BELL QUALIFIES FOR RE-ELECTION

State Senator Mike Bell of Riceville has filed his qualifying petition to run for re-election in the 9th Senatorial District. Bell filed his petition on January 3rd. Before being elected to the Senate, he served as a State Representative.

More National & World News

~At least 9 deaths are being blamed on the Arctic Cold Snap that has enveloped the eastern United States. Meanwhile, electricity suppliers are struggling to keep up with demand. The governor of Oklahoma declared an emergency after supplies of propane gas were depleted.

~A U.S. Air Force Pave Hawk helicopter crashed in the coastal marshes of eastern England during a training mission on Tuesday night, killing all four crew members aboard.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks closed higher as investors were encouraged by a drop in the U.S. trade deficit in November as oil imports dropped to the lowest level in three years and exports climbed. Today's advance was broad-based, with only the materials sector falling slightly. Investors now look forward to other potentially market-moving news this week, including the release of the Federal Reserve's mid-December meeting minutes, the official kickoff to fourth-quarter earnings season, and finally the government's monthly jobs report. U.S. bond prices closed the day higher. **The Dow Jones Industrial Average** was up 105.84 at 16,530.94. **The Standard & Poor's 500 Index** was up 11.11 at 1,837.88, and the **NASDAQ Composite Index** was up 39.50 at 4,153.18. **Commodity Markets:** The spot price of gold fell \$5.55 to \$1232.52. The spot price of silver fell \$0.29 to \$19.90, and crude oil prices rose \$0.44 to \$93.87. In the bond market, the 30-year Treasury yield closed at 3.89%, and the 10-year Treasury yield finished at 2.94%.



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TODAY IN HISTORY - Jan. 8th

1642 - Astronomer Galileo Galilei died in Arcetri, Italy.
1815 - Andrew Jackson defeated the British at the Battle of New Orleans, the closing engagement of the War of 1812.
1867 - Congress passed a law allowing blacks to vote.
1918 - President Woodrow Wilson outlined his Fourteen Points for peace after World War I.
1935 - Singer Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi. He died on August 16, 1977 in Memphis at age 42.
1940 - Singer Christy Lane was born. Her biggest record was "One Day At A Time."
1964 - President Lyndon B. Johnson declared a war on poverty to form what he called "The Great Society."
1987 - The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above 2,000 for the first time, ending the day at 2,002.25.
1993 - Blind muslim cleric Ramzi Yousef, the mastermind of the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, was sentenced in New York to life in prison.

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