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Thursday, January 15, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ POWER RATES TO FALL IN FEBRUARY

AUB power rates will be falling slightly in February as wintertime temperatures take hold in the Tennessee Valley. AUB's Wayne Scarbrough says the decrease is a result of a lower total fuel cost from TVA. He says it comes at a great time for customers since February historically is the month when power consumption is highest due to cold temperatures.

◆ CRASH INJURES WOMAN AND CHILD

An auto crash on County Road 609 near CR 608 Wednesday morning sent a woman and her 5-year-old child to the hospital with minor injuries. The Etowah and Englewood Rural Fire Departments responded to the incident. (Photo by Jay Thomson)



National & International News

◆ The FBI has arrested an Ohio man for allegedly plotting an ISIS-inspired attack on the U.S. Capitol. The man planned to detonate a series of bombs aimed at lawmakers, whom he allegedly considered enemies.

◆ Yosemite climbers Tommy Caldwell and Kevin Jorgeson realized an impossible dream Wednesday as they became the first to free-climb to the top of the nearly vertical El Capitan mountain's "Dawn Wall" in Yosemite National Park.

◆ Wednesday marked another day of losses for Wall Street as December retail numbers came in lower than the previous month. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 186.85 at 17,426.83. The Nasdaq dropped 22.18 to 4,639.32, and the S&P 500 fell to 2,011.29, down 11.74.

◆ A principal at a school in Valley, Alabama, has come up with a rather different way for students to protect themselves from possible intruders or shooters. She is asking parents to have each of their children bring an 8-ounce canned food item to school. As a last resort defense, the students will throw the cans at an intruder.

◆ BUS SURROUNDED BY POLICE AT EXIT 49

If you saw a lot of police activity Tuesday afternoon at the Athens exit of I-75, here's what was happening. A prison escapee from Knox County was on board the bus. Units from the Knox County Sheriff's Department followed the Greyhound bus to Athens to apprehend the prisoner. Units from the THP also were spotted and apparently the Lenoir City Police Department was involved as well.

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WEATHER

Thursday - Mostly cloudy.
30% rain. High in the mid 40's.
Thursday night - Partly
cloudy. Lows in the upper 20's.
Friday - Sunny. Highs in the
upper 40's to lower 50's.
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Thursday, January 15, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

McDonald Gets Fellowship

Dr. William McDonald has been awarded a post-doctoral faculty fellowship by the Appalachian College Association. Dr. McDonald is Chair of the Department of Religion and Philosophy and an associate professor of Religion and Philosophy at Tennessee Wesleyan College. He says he will use the fellowship this summer to research ecumenical congregations which have come together in regard to shared space, shared clergy, worship, and other programs. One is a Methodist-Lutheran congregation in Oregon. Another is a Lutheran-Catholic congregation.



◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The McMinn Senior Activity Center will hold the 1st annual Honorary Prof Powers Chili Supper and Silent Auction tomorrow from 4 to 6 p.m. to raise money for the center's programs and services.
- ✓ The Athens Area Council for the Arts presents **Run Boy Run** at 7:30 p.m. Friday at The Arts Center, 320 N. White Street. Run Boy Run continues the spirit of innovation in traditional American music pioneered by bands like Nickel Creek. Tickets are \$15 & \$8.

Obituaries

- **Bobbie Sue Duckett Lunsford Burgner** of Decatur, died Monday. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Flora Hawkins Cannon**, age 91, of Athens, died Tuesday at her residence. She received her diploma in Nursing and began her career at Mountain Home VA Hospital in Johnson City. She served in the armed forces as a Lieutenant in the Nurses Army Corp. She also worked with her husband, the late Dr. Calvin Cannon, in his veterinarian practice and attained her certification as a Registered Animal Technician. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Harry Smith III**, age 68, of Ooltewah (and a native of Decatur) died unexpectedly at his home this past Sunday. He started Smith Construction in Hamilton County. Graveside services will be held in Chattanooga National Cemetery Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Bowers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Overhill Shutterbugs will meet at 6 p.m. tonight at the Etowah Arts Commission office on Tennessee Avenue next to the Gem Theater. Linda Caldwell from the Etowah Arts Commission will be the guest speaker. Anyone interested in photography is invited to attend. For more information, call Durant Tullock at 263-2228.

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TODAY IN HISTORY – January 15

- 1892** - James A. Naismith, the inventor of basketball, published his original 13 rules for the game in the YMCA Training School newspaper in Springfield, Massachusetts.
- 1929** - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was born in Atlanta.
- 1936** - The first all glass, windowless building was completed in Toledo, Ohio as the home of the Owens-Illinois Glass Company Laboratory.
- 1943** - The world's largest office building was completed, just outside of Washington, DC, in Arlington, VA., known as the Pentagon, the headquarters of the United States defense effort.
- 1967** - The Green Bay Packers of the National Football League defeated the Kansas City Chiefs of the American Football League 35-10 in the first Super Bowl.
- 2001** - Wikipedia, a web-based encyclopedia, made its debut.
- 2009** - US Airways Capt Chelsey Sullenberger guided a jetliner disabled by a bird strike just after takeoff from New York's LaGuardia Airport, to a safe landing in the Hudson River. All 155 people aboard survived.



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