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Monday, April 13, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

LOCAL & AREA NEWS

◆ SNAPPED POWER POLE CAUSES OUTAGE

AUB spokesman Wayne Scarbrough, says the top of a power pole literally "snapped-off" behind Johnson Controls Friday morning and caused a breaker to trip at the North Athens Substation. Power was interrupted for about 45 minutes to Johnson Controls and E&E Manufacturing Company and other customers on the Old Niota Road and Tellico Avenue area. (AUB Photo)



◆ ATHEISTS ERECT BILLBOARD NEXT TO CHURCH

A group calling themselves "Rationalists of East Tennessee" says their new billboard on Kingston Pike in Knoxville is just meant to make people think. The billboard cost \$1800 for one month. It's across the street from Central Baptist Church of Bearden.



NATIONAL & STATE NEWS

◆ The worst kept secret is now official, Hillary Clinton is running for president. A video released on YouTube Sunday shows a large group of "ordinary people" getting ready for changes in their lives. Mrs. Clinton says she will be fighting for the middle class to make their lives even better.

◆ A Tennessee state trooper arrested internationally known hip-hop artist "Nelly" on felony drug charges in Putnam County. Troopers discovered in the sleeper area of Nelly's coach, a plastic bag that contained five colored crystal-type rocks that tested positive for methamphetamine, as well as a small amount of marijuana and other drug paraphernalia. Further investigation revealed approximately 100 small Ziploc bags that are commonly associated with the sale of narcotics and numerous handguns, including a gold-plated 50-caliber Desert Eagle pistol, a 45-caliber Tarus pistol, and a 500 magnum Smith and Wesson. Nelly, whose real name is Cornell Haynes, was charged with felony possession of drugs, simple possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

◆ The Capitol in Washington was locked-down Saturday when a tax protester pulled a gun and took his own life on the building grounds. The White House was locked-down Sunday after a 4 year-old child crawled under a barricade and got onto the White House grounds.

◆ Restaurants in Colorado are planning cannabis tasting events on "420 Day" this year. 420 Day started in California in the early 1970's when pot smokers would get together and smoke weed at 4:20 p.m. on April 20th. They claim it has nothing to do with Hitler's birthday.



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Athens, Tennessee

Ribbon Cutting at Blood Assurance

The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce held a Ribbon Cutting recently for Blood Assurance, located at 213 East Washington Ave. in downtown Athens. In the photo: (L-R) Shane Sewell, Chamber Chairman; Christopher Swafford, V.P. Operations; Lacey Starkey, Chamber Diplomat; Brittany Greely, Phlebotomist; Rob Preston, Chamber President/CEO; Rick Youngblood, CEO; Dr. Dick Pelley, Athens City Council Member & Blood Assurance Advisory Committee Chairman; Charlie Callari, V.P. Marketing & Donor Recruitment; Dana Ferguson, Chamber Diplomat; Tim Wilson, Donor Recruiter. (Staff photo)



Obituaries

• **Gladys M. Davis Falls Wilson**, age 80, of Athens, died Friday in Life Care of Athens. She was a native of Monroe County and had lived in McMinn County for the past 21 years. Funeral services were held Sunday at Union-McMinn Baptist Church with interment at 11 a.m. Monday in McMinn Memory Gardens. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

• **Jerry W. Richardson**, age 85, of Etowah, died last Friday at McMinn Memorial Nursing Home in Etowah. He was a fifth-generation farmer and he and his family developed Gin-Rich Holsteins, earning national show-ring honors. He was the 1978 Farmer of the Year and a member of the Co-Op, Farm Bureau, and Agriculture Extension Committee. A Celebration of Life service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at First Baptist Church of Etowah with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

This past Saturday's Heritage School at the McMinn Living Heritage Museum featured Joy Merkson, using the Serti technique during a silk painting demonstration. (Photo by Cheri Harrison)



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A four vehicle wreck last Thursday around 3 p.m. on Highway 411 South of Etowah at County Road 850, sent two people to the hospital. A 2006 Kia Sorrento driven by a Ms. Roberts was traveling South on Hwy 411 when she attempted to pass the 1987 Ford tractor trailer owned by Sutton Lumber on the left side and then make a right turn onto County Road 850 in front of it. The 2010 GMC Jimmy driven by John Dennon and the 2003 Hyundai Accent driven by a Ms. Bracket were also struck and damaged. Mr. Dennon and his wife were transported to Starr Mountain Regional-Etowah by AMR as a precaution. Etowah PD was first on the scene until McMinn County Sheriff's Department and the THP arrived.

(Photo by MORNING FAX Photographer Jay Thomson)

