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Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ ELECTRIC RATES TO DROP IN MAY

Athens Utilities Board says electric power rates will decrease in May compared to April. AUB says the decrease is a result of a slight reduction in the TVA fuel charge component of the rate. For the average AUB residential customer, the lower rate will result in a monthly savings of about \$1.09.

◆ THP NAMES NEW DISTRICT CAPTAIN

Tennessee Highway Patrol Colonel Tracy Trott has announced that Jeff Mosley (shown on the right) is the new captain of the THP's Chattanooga District, effective immediately. Mosley replaces Captain Jessie Brooks, who was named to lead the Knoxville District. Mosley became a state trooper in 1987. He served in Giles, White, Van Buren, and Warren counties. He also served as a Homeland Security/Wrecker Lieutenant in the Chattanooga District. The Chattanooga District covers 12 counties, including McMinn, Meigs, Polk, and Bradley Counties.



NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS

◆ The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced on Tuesday it would begin testing an Ebola vaccine in Sierra Leone, as the fight against the Ebola epidemic in West Africa continues.

◆ Science fiction became reality after Wake Forest University researchers say they managed to turn stem cells into heart cells that were able to beat on their own.

◆ President Obama has recommended that the United States government reverse its long-standing policy designating Cuba a state sponsor of international terrorism.

◆ STATE AND LOCAL NEWS

✓ The Tennessee House has voted to create a lifetime handgun carry permit. Current handgun carry permits are valid for five years. Under the bill, people could buy a lifetime permit for \$500. They would still have to undergo background checks every five years. Also, the state Safety Department would still be able to suspend permits for people who are charged with crimes.

✓ Legislation that would allow a person to possess cannabis oil under certain circumstances has been approved unanimously in both the House and Senate. The bill allows certain amounts of cannabis oil to be used for the treatment of seizures, particularly in the case of children.

✓ Lawmakers may vote today on a bill that would make the Bible the official book of Tennessee. Attorney General Herbert Slatery says the bill would violate the state and U.S. constitutions, because it would imply the endorsement of a particular religion by the state.

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WEATHER

Wednesday - Cloudy. 70% rain & t'rstorms. Highs in the lower to mid 70's.

Wed. night - Cloudy. 70% rain. Lows in the mid 50's.

Thursday - Cloudy. 50% rain. Highs in the mid 60's.

More Weather & Zoom Radar at: www.wyxi.com

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Morning Fax™...Today's News This Morning

Athens, Tennessee

Are Your Cows Lost?

It's not every day that you look outside your window and see a dozen cows in your front yard. But, that's what happened to Alana Turner this week. She lives on County Road 260. She saw a group of cows wandering through her yard and then into the nearby woods. She sent us this photo which she titled "Country Livin!" If you're missing some cows, you may want to check the area in the 400 block of County Road 260.



Obituaries

- **Danny Michael "Mike" Wilcox**, age 49, of Reliance, died Sunday at Erlanger Medical Center. Family and friends will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Archville Baptist Church Cemetery for the committal service. Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.
- **Terry Wayne Horton**, age 57, of Athens, died last Sunday at his home. He had worked as an electrician at Dalton carpet companies. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.
- **Maxine Jones**, age 88, of Athens, died last Sunday at NHC Health Care. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Thursday at Zion Hill Baptist Church with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. at the church. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

◆ **COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**

- ✓ The Athens Parks Department has called a Farmers Market vendor meeting for Monday, May 4, at 6 p.m. at the Athens Municipal Building in the court room. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the hours and days of operations, 2015 market rules and changes, and to fill out vendor applications. The meeting will allow vendors to vote on the market rules.
- ✓ A "Spring It N" Bazaar featuring local direct sales consultants selling their products will be held this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Etowah Community Center. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Jason Cardin family to help pay the cost of adopting their daughter from the Democratic Republic of Congo.



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TODAY IN HISTORY - APRIL 15

1452 - Italian painter, sculptor, and scientist, Leonardo da Vinci, was born. His paintings include the "Mona Lisa" and "The Last Supper." He also drew plans for a flying machine and a parachute, both well ahead of his time.

1783 - The American Revolutionary War ended.

1850 - The City of San Francisco was incorporated.

1865 - President Abraham Lincoln died from an assassin's bullet and Andrew Johnson was sworn in as President.

1912 - The "unsinkable" luxury liner "Titanic" sank on its maiden voyage off Newfoundland after hitting an iceberg. Of the 2,223 passengers on board; 1,517 drowned.

1933 - Give a big Hee Haw "salute" to Guitar Picker & Comedian Roy Clark on his 82nd birthday.

1947 - Jackie Robinson became baseball's first black major league player when he debuted with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

1989 - Students in Beijing launched pro-democracy protests upon the death of former Communist Party leader Hu Yaobang.