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Friday, September 25, 2015

Athens, Tennessee

State and Local News

◆ TVA FINISHES UNIT 2 SAFETY TEST

TVA has completed a week long safety test of the Watts Bar Unit 2 reactor. The test verified that the safety systems designed to shut down the reactor work properly, even when relying on a backup system of diesel generators. TVA hopes to have Unit 2 in operation within the next few months. Meantime, the Unit 1 reactor at Watts Bar has been taken off-line for refueling. While refueling is taking place, workers will be performing routine maintenance.

◆ COMMITTEE PLANNING FOR UNITY DAY

The Unity Day celebration in Market Park in Downtown Athens will be held Saturday from 3 to 7 p.m. There will be music, speeches, and free food. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served at 4:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. The event is aimed at bringing people of all cultures, religions, and political persuasions together in a show of unity. (The photo shows Dick Pelley, Scott Walker, Vant Hardaway and Donna Casteel putting the finishing touches on the special day)



NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ The House Chamber was packed Thursday morning as Pope Francis addressed a joint session of Congress. The pontiff structured much of his historic speech by highlighting the work and lives of President Abraham Lincoln, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Dorothy Day, the founder of the Catholic Worker Movement, and Thomas Merton, a U.S. Catholic writer.

◆ A tourist duck boat collided with a charter bus in Seattle on Thursday, leaving four dead and at least nine others critically injured.

◆ Stocks fell Thursday as investors grow concerned over the Fed's decision to keep interest rates unchanged. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 78.57 at 16,201.32. The Nasdaq lost 18.27 to end at 4,734.48, while the S&P 500 finished the session down 6.52 at 1,932.24.

◆ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Meigs County FFA will hold a Pig Roast today from 4 p.m. to football kickoff time at the Meigs County Softball Field. The cost is \$8 for a pulled pork plate and \$12 for a rib plate.

✓ The Athens Parks Department will offer a free Youth Soccer Clinic for boys and girls ages 6-14 on Tuesday, October 6th, at the Athens Regional Park on Softball Field #1. Check-in is from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. For information, call 744-2704.

FOOTBALL: Meigs County hosts McMinn Central. The McMinn High School Cherokees are off this week.

The Tennessee Volunteers will be in Gainesville, Florida to play the Gators on Saturday. Kickoff time is 3:30 p.m. and TV coverage will be broadcast on CBS.



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Tennessee Promise offers two years of tuition-free community or technical college to Tennessee high school graduates beginning with the Class of 2015.

For questions about the event, please contact Morgan McWilliams at 423-744-2814.

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Athens, Tennessee

Church News and Events

- Revival services are being held at the First Church of the Nazarene on West Madison Avenue tonight and Saturday night at 7 and Sunday at 6 p.m. The evangelist is Kenly Knight.
- The Assembly of God on Cardinal Street in Athens will have a Church Yard Sale tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- The Southern Stars Symphonic Brass will have a Kelly Thomas Memorial Concert this Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at Cornerstone Church of Knoxville, 1250 Heritage Lake Boulevard. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted for the Thomas Family Fund.
- The Annual Blessing of the Animals will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Athens next Wednesday, Sept. 30th, at 5:30 p.m.
- East Athens Baptist Church invites you to join them for a time of fasting and prayer, October 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd from 12 noon to 1 p.m. The church is at 301 Central Ave.
- Union McMinn Baptist Church will have revival services starting October 4th. Services will be at 11 a.m. Sunday morning and at 7 p.m. nightly. The evangelist will be Rev. Rick Atkins. The church is located at 314 County Road 316, Exit 56, Niota.
- Greater Deliverance Ministries is having a fundraiser softball tournament called "Swing 4 the King" on Saturday, October 24th at Athens Regional Park. The tournament begins at 9 a.m. The registration fee is \$15 per player. To register, call Mary Scudder at 333-9289.

Obituaries

- **Robert "Bob" Borum**, age 70, of Athens, died Wednesday at his residence. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.
- **James Eugene Hyde**, age 77, of Delano, and formerly of Athens, died Thursday at Standifer Place in Chattanooga. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

CHRIS AND NEENAH NEED YOUR HELP

Chris and NeeNah Burris have been blessed with two boys through adoption. Now, they feel the Lord leading them to adopt another child. They are saving as much money as they can and planning fundraisers to help cover the cost of the \$16,000 in adoption fees. A fundraiser will be held on Saturday, October 3rd, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Community Room at E.G. Fisher Public Library. Vendors will be selling crafts and proceeds will help the Burris family in their adoption process.



TODAY IN HISTORY - September 25

- 1513** - Spanish explorer Vasco Balboa became the first European to see the eastern shore of the Pacific Ocean. He viewed it from a mountain in Panama, called it the South Sea, and claimed it for Spain.
- 1690** - The first newspaper to be published in America appeared in Boston. It was called "Publick Occurances, Both Foreign and Domestic." The newspaper was short-lived. Authorities considered it to be offensive and ordered the publisher to cease publishing.
- 1789** - Congress adopted 12 amendments to the original constitution. Ten of them became known as "The Bill of Rights." Most of them guarantee personal rights.
- 1897** - Author William Faulkner was born. He wrote some of his novels about a fictional county in the state of Mississippi. His works include "The Sound and the Fury."
- 1929** - Barbara (Ann) Walters was born. Her TV roles have included 20/20, the ABC News Tonight, and The View.
- 1956** - The first transatlantic telephone service was officially opened. The cable ran from Newfoundland to Scotland, a distance of 2,250 miles. It was designed to carry 36 conversations at the same time. The rate for a transatlantic phone call was \$12 for a three-minute call.
- 1969** - Actress Catherine Zeta-Jones was born. Her movies include The Phantom, The Mask of Zorro, The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles, & Entrapment.
- 1981** - Sandra Day O'Connor was sworn in as the first female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.
- 2011** - Two American hikers held for more than two years in an Iranian prison, returned to the United States.