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Monday, February 8, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

Local & Area News

◆ COST OF WATTS BAR UNIT 2 GOES UP

The cost of the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Unit 2 reactor is going up another \$200 million. TVA directors have voted to add that amount to the budget, which will raise the total completion cost to \$4.7 billion since work was re-started in 2007. A spokesman for TVA says the cost rose in part because of delays in completion and extra flood controls and emergency equipment required to prevent an accident like the one that happened at Fukushima, Japan.

◆ RINGSTAFF GETS BOOTED IN CLEVELAND

The Cleveland City School Board voted Friday afternoon to terminate Dr. Martin Ringstaff as their director of schools. Ringstaff was the center of controversy last week after a Twitter account surfaced featuring explicit text message between Ringstaff and an unidentified woman. Ringstaff first said the Twitter messages were phony, but later admitted that he was the one that sent them.

◆ TENNESSEE CALLS FOR CONVENTION

Tennessee lawmakers have voted with four other states calling for a convention to amend the U.S. Constitution which would be limited to fiscal and jurisdictional restraints on the federal government and instituting terms limits for members of Congress.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ The Federal Aviation Administration has issued suspensions or letters of reprimand to more than a dozen air traffic controllers for texting, taking selfies, showing explicit material to others, and using Snapchat on the job. In almost every case, no one was fired.


◆ The Virginia Tech student, 18-year-old David Eisenhauer, charged with kidnapping and murdering a 13-year-old girl is suspected of having a relationship with the victim that a source characterizes as "inappropriate."

◆ North Korea launched a long-range missile Saturday that passed over Japan and landed in the Yellow Sea. The launch was "strongly" and unanimously condemned by members of the United Nations Security Council Sunday.

◆ A slowdown in job creations in January caused a market slide on Wall Street Friday. All markets declined including oil.


◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ The Athens Optimist Club is sponsoring the annual Optimist International Essay Contest for high school students. First place prize is \$300, 2nd place is \$125, and 3rd place is \$75. The deadline for entries is February 19th. For topic, contest rules, and information, contact Grant Willhite at 746-5236 or e-mail: willhite@twcnet.edu



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WEATHER

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TWC TO BECOME TWU

Tennessee Wesleyan College has announced that it will become Tennessee Wesleyan University in July 2016. The name change was approved by the institution's Board of Trustees in November 2015 as a way to reflect Tennessee Wesleyan's transformation into a more complex institution that includes graduate programs, online offerings and off-site instructional locations. The transition to university will begin in July, with the May graduating class being the last class to graduate from Tennessee Wesleyan College. In the Photo: (Left to Right) Tennessee Wesleyan students Caio Bardaul, Alberto Escobar, Kelci Leamon, Jessica Shirk, Gustavo Linhares and Gerard Lunday stand with Tennessee Wesleyan's new name and academic mark in the background.



Obituaries

- **Claude Washington Gossett, Jr.**, 81, of Athens, died last Thursday afternoon at U.T. Medical Center. He was a Professor of Voice at Auburn University for 26 years and retired as Professor Emeritus. He served as Minister of Music at several churches in Texas, Tennessee, and Mississippi. A Memorial Service will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Allen Memorial United Methodist Church with visitation from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the church. Smith Funeral and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.
- **Lillian Grant Norris**, age 101, of Englewood, died last Thursday at Etowah Healthcare Center. She was retired from M. Johnston Manufacturing. A Graveside Service was held Sunday at Etowah Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home was in charge.
- **Doris Thompson Umbricht**, age 83, of Naples, Florida and formerly of Athens, died last Thursday in Pasadena, California at the home of son, Mike Umbricht. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral and Cremation Services of Athens.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ The City of Athens Parks and Recreation Department is taking registration through February 19th for McMinn County ASA Girls Fast Pitch Softball ages 4 through 14. Home games will be played at the Athens Regional Park and at City Park School and admission will be free. Away games will be played with the surrounding area, such as Etowah and Spring City. **More Info: 744-2704.**

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