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State & Local News

◆ POWER RATES TO FALL IN FEBRUARY

The price for a kilowatt hour of power from AUB will edge down in February compared to the current January level. This is a result of a slightly lower fuel charge from TVA. The typical residential customer will find their utility bill about \$1.30 lower. AUB's Wayne Scarbrough says some simple home projects can help you save even more on your power bill. He suggests installing weather stripping around doors and windows, adding insulation to attics, and wrapping water heaters and hot water pipes.

◆ POLICE & FIRE REPORTS FOR 2016

The Athens Police Department reports there were two homicides in the city in 2016. One of those remains unsolved. There were 753 thefts in 2016, 207 assaults, 186 burglaries, 76 vehicle thefts, 18 robberies, and 12 sex offenses. Every one of those categories was down compared to the year 2015 except for thefts and vehicle thefts. Athens police wrote 5,725 citations for moving violations in 2016, up sharply from 4,639 citations in 2015. There were 876 vehicle accidents in 2016, down from 901 in 2015. There were four fatalities and 146 injuries as a result of traffic accidents last year.

The Athens Fire Department responded to 624 calls in 2016, down from 627 in 2015. Losses for 2016 totaled \$715,950.

National - World News

◆ NASA astronaut Gene Cernan has died at age 82. He was the last man to walk on the moon, and was commander of the Apollo 17 mission, the final lunar landing in December 1972.

◆ Boeing CEO and chairman Dennis Muilenburg met with President-elect Donald Trump at Trump Tower in New York on Tuesday. Muilenburg said they discussed ways to simplify requirements for Air Force One "to make a better plane at a lower cost".

◆ General Motors is investing another \$1 billion in U.S. manufacturing operations. The investment covers "multiple new vehicle, advanced technology and component projects" which include 1,500 new and retained jobs.

◆ NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER NAMED

The McMinn County Commission has approved Rob Shamblyn to be the new county school board member for District 5. Shamblyn replaces Larry Cantrell who resigned from the board recently and will fill the seat until the term expires in 2018.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

✓ The Heritage School at the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum this Saturday will feature local basket maker George McCollum demonstrating his techniques. He was originally scheduled for January 7th, but the Heritage School was cancelled due to the snow. His presentation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Wednesday - Cloudy. 20% rain High 56.

Wed Night - Cloudy. Low 44.

Thursday - 70% rain. High 64.

Friday - Scattered t'storms in a.m. High 66.

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First Responder Story Time

E.G. Fisher Public Library recently held First Responder Story Time. Volunteer firefighters read stories to the children who attended. The photo shows Don and Sheila Chesnow with the children. They are with the Claxton Volunteer Fire Department.



Obituaries

♦ **David Lee Webb**, age 76, of Etowah, died Monday at his home after an extended illness. He retired from Campbell's Soup in 1999. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Athens Lutheran Church, with visitation from 2 to 3 p.m. at the church. Serenity Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Houston Anderson**, age 82, of Niota, died last Sunday at Sweetwater Hospital. He was a well-known electrician and farmer. Services were held Tuesday night at Kyker Funeral Home. Interment will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Foster Cemetery in Niota.

◆ **TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** U.S. stocks declined, weighed down by financial and health care stocks, as investors turned skittish following President-elect Donald Trump's remarks on the dollar and drug pricing.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 58.96 at 19,826.77. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 6.75 at 2,267.89, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 35.39 at 5,538.73.

Commodity Markets: the spot price of gold rose \$13.09 to \$1,215.94. The spot price of silver rose \$0.36 to \$17.18, and crude oil prices rose \$0.11 to \$52.48.

Volume on the New York Stock Exchange was moderate, with 900.65 million shares traded. Decliners outnumbered advancers by roughly a 3-to-2 margin.

TODAY IN HISTORY—JANUARY 18th

1778 - The Hawaiian Islands were discovered by Captain James Cook. Hawaii consists of a chain of 132 islands extending for more than 1,500 miles. Most of the people live on seven main islands.

1788- The first English settlers arrived in Australia's Botany Bay to establish a penal colony.

1782 - Lawyer and statesman Daniel Webster was born in Salisbury, N.H.

1871 - William I of Prussia was proclaimed German emperor in Versailles, France.

1892 - Oliver Hardy of the comedy team Laurel and Hardy was born Norvell Hardy in Harlem, Ga.

1911 - The first landing of an aircraft on a ship took place as pilot Eugene B. Ely flew onto the deck of the USS Pennsylvania in San Francisco harbor.

1919 - The World War I peace conference opened in Versailles, France.

1991 - Financially strapped Eastern Airlines shut down after more than six decades in business.

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