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Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ FLUFFY SNOW BLANKETS ATHENS AREA

The snowflakes began falling in Athens at 1 p.m. Tuesday, prompting the immediate closing of the entire McMinn County Courthouse, the McMinn County Health Department, and the Better Living Center. Also, AUB issued a request for their electric customers to reduce their use of electricity as much as possible until further notice due to extremely low temperatures the next two days. Due to slick roads Wednesday, schools decided to close again. Click **HERE** for a list of closings and cancellations.

COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- The McMinn County Board of Education holds its monthly session Thursday, January 18th, at 5:30 p.m., with a Policy Committee meeting at 4 p.m.
- ✓ The Tennessee Men's Chorale will sing Thursday, Jan. 18th, at 7 p.m. at North Etowah Baptist Church. The public is invited.
- The Etowah Arts Commission will hold beginning watercolor classes on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 beginning tomorrow, Jan. 18th. For information, call Dolores Hoffman at 333-6043. The cost is \$75 plus \$20 for a materials kit.
- ✓ The Athens City Council voted 3 to 2 Tuesday night to pass the final reading of the ordinance that will allow beer sales at events such as the annual "Sounds of Summer" at the Market Park Pavilion. The council also approved 5-0 to change distance requirements that will make it easier to issue beer permits for restaurants and convenience stores.

Sleeping Athens Child Kidnapped

Athens police have made an arrest in an apparent child kidnapping case. Police Chief Cliff Couch says officers were called to Westwood Heights Apartments Tuesday morning in reference to a

man causing property damage. Witnesses told them that 23-year old Dillon Clayton of County Road 369, Niota, had smashed the window of their apartment with a rock and then hit a parked vehicle with a rock. He then allegedly went into a neighboring apartment where a young man and his one-year-old daughter were sleep-



ing. Clayton allegedly took the sleeping child from her bed and said he was going to take her to the helicopter landing pad at Starr Regional Medical Center. Officers went to the landing pad, but did not locate the child. However, they were notified that a man had given a child to a nurse at the hospital. A short time later, Clayton flagged down an officer in front of the hospital to ask for a ride. The officer gave him a ride to the McMinn County Jail, where he faces kidnapping charges. The little girl was unharmed. Chief Couch says this type of behavior cannot be tolerated in our community. He says he is thankful the child was able to be located quickly, and he applauded his officers and the hospital staff for handling the situation so professionally.

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Western Sizzlin' Steak House-1804 Decatur Pike Wednesday (11a-4p) Petite Sirloin-Side-Bakery-Dessert Bar & Rolls, \$6.69. Senior Buffet (55+): Mon-Fri-2 to 4 p.m. \$5.99 -745-2626



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WEATHER FORECAST

Wednesday - Early flurries then sunny. High 24 with wind chill of -3 to +7.

Wed. night - Mostly clear. Low near 10.

Thursday - Sunny with a high

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Obituaries

- Charlotte Wilson Inman, age 92, of Athens, died Monday at her home. She was the founder of the McMinn Senior Activity Center and for many years was executive director from its beginnings at Clem Street as part of the Athens Housing Authority to a spacious facility at Park St. and McMinn Ave. M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
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 Calvin Buckner, age 79, of Englewood, died Monday. Arrangements will be an ourced by Bordwine Funeral Home.
- James Larry King, 67, of Decatur, died Sunday at his home. A Celebration of Life will be held Thursday at 7 at Companion Funeral Home of Athens, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.
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- Raul Cabrera, age 19, of Athens, died early Sunday in a traffic accident. Arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home of Athens.
- **Donald Ray Ledford,** age 66, of Etowah, died Tuesday in a Knoxville hospital. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- Stephen Shelton, age 60, of Sweetwater, died Tuesday at the home of his brother in Sweetwater. Arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

♦ MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Tennessee Highway Patrol will host a recruiting event in Athens tomorrow, January 18th, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse. Troopers will be on hand to answer questions and help prepare applications for those people interested in becoming a state trooper.

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That Wheel's Not Turning

Bald River Falls wasn't the only thing frozen by the recent frigid weather. Donny Anderson sent us this photo of the water wheel next to Market Park in Downtown Athens. It was frozen solid this past Sunday.



TODAY IN HISTORY - JANUARY 17TH

1706 - Benjamin Franklin, American statesman, inventor, and scientist, was born. He was the only man who signed all four of the key documents in American history; the Declaration of Independence, the Treaty of Alliance with France, the Treaty of Peace with Great Britain, and the U.S. Constitution. He also published "Poor Richard's Almanac" which contained many wise and witty sayings, such as "Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise."

1806 - Thomas Jefferson's daughter, Martha, gave birth to James Madison Randolph, the first child born in the White House.

1893 - Hawaii's monarchy was overthrown.

1899 - Gangster Al Capone was born in Italy. During the 1920's, his gang of mobsters dominated bootlegging, gambling, and other illegal activities in Chicago.

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1927 - Singer Ertha Kitt was born. Her biggest hit record was "Santa Baby." She appeared as "Catwoman" on TV's "Batman."

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:

The Dow Jones Industrial Average surged above 26,000 for the first time, but finished the day in negative territory and gave up those gains, as shares of energy and chemical companies declined. This was only the second day of 2018 where the S&P 500 fell.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 10 points to 25,793.

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 10 points or 0.4% to 2,776, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 37 points or 0.5% to 7,224.

In Bond Markets: The 30-year Treasury yield closed lower at 2.83% and the 10-year Treasury yield finished lower at 2.54%.

In Commodity Markets: The spot price of gold fell \$1.27 to \$1,338.79, and the price of crude oil fell \$0.52 to \$63.78.