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Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ AUB GAS RATES TO GO UP

Athens Utilities Board was recently informed by its natural gas supplier that it will increase the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) on all gas that the local utility buys. Spokesman Wayne Scarbrough says that will affect every gas customer on AUB's system. He says the PGA will rise by approximately nine percent for most customers as a result of the coming rate action.

◆ ATHENS CLOSINGS FOR M.L. KING DAY

Next Monday, January 18th, is Martin Luther King Day. In observance, the Athens Municipal Building, Public Works, Recycle Center, and Animal Shelter will be closed on Monday. Residential garbage routes for Monday will be picked up on Tuesday. All other residential routes will be on the regular schedule.

Also, most banks and federal offices, including the post office, will be closed on Monday.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE Tuesday P.M.

Tennessee: 660,874 cases, up 3,478. 8,011 deaths, up 146.

COUNTY	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	4,898 up 25	4,265	561	72
Meigs	1,085 up 6	942	127	16
Monroe	4,358 up 15	3,785	511	62
Polk	1,356 up 10	1,149	190	17
Bradley	10,246 up 73	9,005	1,152	89 up 3
Rhea	3,664 up 22	3,114	496	54 up 1

Fire Destroys House on CR 482

A fire last Wednesday, January 6th, destroyed a house on County Road 482, Englewood. The call came at 4:30 a.m. about a fully involved structure fire. The Englewood and Etowah Rural Fire Departments responded. An occupant of the residence reported that another person could possibly still be inside the structure. The TBI Arson & Bomb Squad assisted in the search, but no one was found in the rubble. Englewood Rural Fire Chief Billy Roach and Etowah Rural Fire Chief Adam Hafley were in command of the scene. (Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept)



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WEATHER FORECAST
Wednesday - Partly sunny. High 49.
Wednesday night - Mainly clear. Low 28.
Thursday - Mostly sunny. High 52..
Thursday night- Increasing clouds. Possible rain. Low 37.
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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **Judy A. Jenkins**, age 80, of Etowah, died Saturday. She taught at Mountain View Elementary School for 32 years. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Green Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. at the cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Robert E. "Gene" Perry**, age 90, of Etowah, died Monday at Bradley Health Care. He retired from L&N Railroad and the U.S. Postal Service, where he worked for many years as a rural letter carrier. He also served in the National Guard. A graveside service will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Green Hill Cemetery. No formal visitation will take place. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Equities edged higher. Markets appear to be in a holding pattern ahead of the upcoming earnings season. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 60.00 to 31,068.69. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 1.58 to 3,801.19, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 36.00 points to 13,072.43.

◆ The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be students from Women at the Well. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5 or [ONLINE](#).

TWU To Expand South

Tennessee Wesleyan University recently acquired the property located at 202 Green Street on the southeast edge of the campus, adjacent to the downtown CVS Pharmacy. TWU President Dr. Harley Knowles says the property includes 30 parking spaces, about 5,000 square feet of offices, and a large basement for much-needed storage.

The new property creates multiple new options for campus moves. The University's plans for the building are still in process, but the first step will be moving the Facilities Department staff to the new building. That will allow the University to raze their current building on Green Street, opening up needed parking for students living in residence halls.

The addition of the Green Street Property is the latest move in an active four-year period, which has seen the addition of Miller Hall on White Street (the former McSpadden Furniture building), the construction of Wallace Square, and the addition of the Watson House on College Street, as well as the building of the brand new Colloms Campus Center.

Dr. Knowles says they are also considering moving the Love Thy Neighbor Project to the new building as well. He says that would provide much more storage space and convenient parking to accommodate the people who rely on this free food program on a weekly basis. Dr. Knowles adds, "We appreciate the understanding of our community as we grow and expand our impact."



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the Y

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TODAY IN HISTORY - JANUARY 13th

1794- President George Washington approved a measure adding two stars and two stripes to the American flag, following the admission of Vermont and Kentucky to the union.

1885 - Alfred Fuller, the original Fuller Brush man, was born.

1957 - The Wham-O Company developed the first plastic Frisbee. Reportedly, Yale students invented a game of catch by tossing around metal pie tins from the Frisbee Baking Company. They would frequently shout "Frisbieeeee" to warn passersby of the oncoming pie plate.

1962 - Chubby Checker set a record, literally, with the hit, *The Twist*. The song reached the #1 position for an unprecedented second time -- in two years. *The Twist* was also number one on September 26, 1960.

1974 - Super Bowl VIII (at Houston): The Dolphins win their second straight Super Bowl, by defeating the Minnesota Vikings 24 to 7. Larry Csonka was the MVP and tickets were \$15.00.