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Thursday-December 20, 2012

Athens, Tennessee

## State & Local News

### ◆ POWER RATES WILL FALL SLIGHTLY IN JANUARY

The per kilowatt hour rate for AUB power will decrease in January versus the current month of December by a little more than two-tenths of a cent per kilowatt hour. AUB's Wayne Scarbrough said that the decrease in the overall rate for January is the result of a lower TVA fuel charge for the month. The average energy use by AUB residential customers is about 1160 kilowatt hours per month. Typical customers will see a decrease in their January power bill of about \$2.75 versus the month of December.

### ◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

- ✓ The Athens Municipal Building and Public Works Department will be closed on Monday & Tuesday, Dec. 24th, and Dec. 25th. The residential garbage route for Dec. 24th will be picked up on Wednesday, Dec. 26th. The Tuesday, Dec. 25th route will be picked up on Wednesday, Dec. 26th. The Wednesday, Dec. 26th route will be picked up on Thursday, Dec. 27th and Thursday & Friday, Dec. 27th and Dec. 28th routes will be picked up on Friday, Dec. 28th.
- ✓ The City of Athens reminds those that have placed any decorations on their loved ones graves in city cemeteries during the holiday season, should reclaim their decorations by Feb. 1st, or they will be disposed of properly.

## World & National News

◆ The horrific elementary school shootings has spurred the president to task his administration with creating concrete proposals to reduce gun violence that has plagued the country. He set a January deadline for the recommendations and vowed to push for their implementation without delay.

◆ Following Friday's attack at an elementary school in Newtown, Conn., there have been a spate of threats against schools. Authorities are cracking down, and in Indiana, police have responded to a threat of an alleged copycat shooting at Bloomington South High School. The other two teens who were making threats were from California and Tennessee. All were promptly arrested.

◆ President Obama was warned by Republican House Speaker John Boehner that he can either accept a GOP alternative to a comprehensive "fiscal cliff" compromise or "be responsible for the largest tax increase in American history."

◆ Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has been accused of faking her concussion while suffering from a stomach virus to avoid testifying Tuesday about the attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi. The State Department has rebutted the claim.

◆ Ousted president Hosni Mubarak has been transferred to a Cairo military hospital, after slipping and injuring his head and chest in prison.

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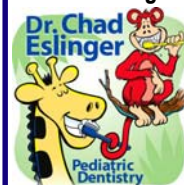
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### TENNESSEE HEADLINES

- ◆ The monthly Disciplinary Actions Report for November was recently released by the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance. The report can be a useful tool for Tennesseans looking to do business with licensed professionals. You can view the report at this link: <http://tn.gov/commerce/boards/archive.shtml>
- ◆ Legislation that would make it easier for gun owners to carry their weapons in public will likely be introduced in the General Assembly when it reconvenes in January. State Senator Frank Nicely believes at least one person in every school in Tennessee should be armed. Nicely says he will propose legislation requiring schools to either have a school resource officer or train one or more staff members in the use of firearms and how to deal with violent attackers.
- ◆ Forbes Magazine has released its list of the most valuable college football teams in the U.S. and Tennessee ranks at #9. Forbes says the Tennessee Football program, if it were sold, would be worth about \$85 million. Texas was ranked #1 with a net worth of \$133 million. The SEC had seven of their teams ranked in the top 10.
- ◆ George Miller, Loudon County's Trustee, says he is stepping down at the end of the year due to health reasons. His term would have expired in 2014. Previously, Miller was the Loudon County Mayor.
- ◆ TSA officers at McGhee-Tyson airport discovered a loaded gun in a passenger's carry on bag last Saturday. It was the 16th firearm that TSA agents have confiscated at the Knoxville airport this year.

### Obituaries

- Carl Glenn Burger**, age 79, of Delano, died Tuesday at a Cleveland Hospital. He worked as a millwright at Bowater for 33 years, prior to his retirement. A funeral service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m., prior to the service.
- Helen Marie Hill Ross**, age 82, of Athens, died Wednesday at Life Care Center of Rhea County in Dayton. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday at Laycock-Hobbs.
- Glen E. Thornton**, age 62, of Athens, died Tuesday at Parkwest Hospital in Knoxville. He was a former teacher in Monroe Co. and had managed movie theaters in Athens. A funeral service will be at 8 p.m. Thursday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 6-8 p.m.

### Wednesday's Market Closings

U.S. stocks declined today after the White House rejected a Republican budget proposal and housing data came in weaker-than-expected. U.S. homebuilding permits rose in November, while new housing starts declined 3% in part due to the effects of Hurricane Sandy. U.S. Treasury prices rose for the first time in three days. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 98.99 at 13,251.97, the Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 10.98 at 1,435.81, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 10.17 at 3,044.37. In commodity markets, the spot price of gold fell \$1.70 to \$1,669.40, the spot price of silver fell \$0.51 to \$31.13, and crude oil prices rose \$1.58 to \$89.51.

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**THIS DAY IN HISTORY-December 20**

**1864** - Union General William Sherman completed his "march to the sea" across the defeated southern U.S. and arrived in Savannah, Georgia.


**1868** - American industrialist Harvey Firestone was born. He founded the Firestone Tire Company. The company's first tires were made of solid rubber.

**1901** - Nuclear physicist Robert Van de Graaf was born. He invented a generator that produces high-voltage electrical charges. (That's the device often used in magic shows to make a young lady's hair stand straight up)

**1952** - Jimmy Boyd reached the #1 spot on the record charts with the Christmas song of the year, "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus."

**1963** - The Berlin Wall was opened for the first time to West Berliners, who were allowed one-day visits to relatives in the Eastern sector for the holidays.

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**WEATHER**

**Thursday** - Breezy. Rain & T'storms. High upper 50's.  
**Thurs. night** - Partly cloudy. Low 31. Winds < 15 mph.  
**Friday** - Partly sunny. Brisk, colder. High in lower 40's.  
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