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Athens, Tennessee

Local and State News

◆ JANUARY POWER RATES TO EDGE UP

AUB says that local electric rates will rise by about 1/10 of a cent per unit in January. AUB spokesman Wayne Scarbrough says that the rate is closely aligned with the rate one year ago. January is the second month of the four-month winter rate season that runs December through March, pursuant to TVA's pricing. He also said that with overnight temperatures dipping into the 20's recently, that the weather is the real factor in determining how much power a typical home will use. Scarbrough says that a homeowner can take many steps to improve the efficiency of their house, such as sealing cracks and have proper insulation in the attic and under floors.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ The Athens City Council meets tonight at 6 p.m. at the Municipal Building. On the agenda is the presentation of the VIVID Award to William "Bill" Smith, the custodian at City Park School and approval of the Athens Travelers 2014 "Cruise In" and the 2014 "Sounds of Summer" Concerts.
- ✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the 2013 "Mother of the Year". Forms and guidelines may be obtained at the Chamber office at 13 North Jackson Street.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

- ◆ Jerrod Metsker, the Wooster, Ohio man accused of killing a 9-year-old neighbor and hiding her body under garbage in a trash bin was building a snowman with the little girl just a few hours before she was reported missing.
- ◆ One day after winning the seat with the biggest victory in eight decades, President-elect Michelle Bachelet vowed to initiate profound social changes in Chile.
- ◆ The federal government said it has no evidence that antibacterial chemicals used in liquid soaps and washes help prevent the spread of germs. It is reviewing research suggesting that they may even pose health risks.
- ◆ Russia has deployed Iskander missiles with a range of hundreds of kilometers in its Baltic Sea exclave of Kaliningrad. Kaliningrad borders NATO members Poland and Lithuania.
- ◆ A double car bombing and a shooting killed 34 Shi'ite Muslims on pilgrimage in Iraq, the deadliest in a wave of attacks across the country that left at least 70 dead.
- ◆ A Cleveland, Ohio judge gave a 28-year prison sentence to 67-year-old Bobby Thompson, who was convicted of masterminding a \$100 million, cross-country Navy veteran's charity fraud.

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CHRISTMAS HOURS: Open Today-W-TH-F, 10am-7pm; Sat., Dec. 21st, 10am-4pm; SUNDAY, DEC. 22ND, 1-3PM; Monday, Dec. 23rd, 10am-7pm & CHRISTMAS EVE, 9AM -2PM! Closed Christmas Day. Reopening January 3rd, 2014 for Annual Sale at 10am!

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MORE PARADE PICTURES

Here's the picture of the winning float in the Niota Christmas Parade that was held last Saturday. Life Care of Athens won the top honors for their "Winter Wishes" float. Photo submitted by Lena Beth Reynolds.



Obituaries

Rachel Eaves Davis, age 91, of Athens, died Monday at Etowah Dialysis. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral and Cremation Services.

The Grand Marshall of the Niota Christmas Parade this year was Mintie Willson. In the photo submitted by Meredith Willson, she is being escorted by Tom Reynolds.



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TODAY IN HISTORY DECEMBER 17th

- 1777 - France recognized America's independence.
- 1894 - Arthur Fiedler was born in Boston. He became famous as the conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra. Their big Christmas hit was "Sleigh Ride."
- 1903 - Orville and Wilbur Wright made the first successful airplane flight, soaring over the sand dunes near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. Their first flight lasted 12 seconds and covered a distance of 120 feet. Their plane flew at an altitude of between 8 and 12 feet.
- 1969 - The U.S. Air Force ended Project "Blue Book" by concluding there was no evidence of extraterrestrial spaceships behind thousands of UFO sightings.
- 1992 - President George H.W. Bush, Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari signed the North American Free Trade Agreement in separate ceremonies.