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Thursday, December 22, 2016

Athens, Tennessee

STATE & LOCAL NEWS

◆ UTILITY RATES TO DIP IN JANUARY

The price for a kilowatt hour of power from AUB will fall slightly in January compared to December. The difference will shave about \$1.44 off of the bill for the average AUB customer. AUB's Wayne Scarbrough says the slight January dip is based on TVA issuing lower generation fuel charges to power distributors for the period.

◆ NOVEMBER POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS

Members of the Athens City Council received the reports on police and fire department activity for the month of November at their monthly meeting Tuesday night.

Police Chief Chuck Ziegler's final report before his retirement showed there were 49 thefts in Athens in November, 18 burglaries, 11 assaults, three motor vehicle thefts, two sex offenses, and one robbery. Police officers issued 555 citations for moving violations. There were 42 traffic accidents in November, with 14 injuries.

Fire Chief Jim Dyer reported that Athens firefighters responded to 76 calls in November. There were two residential fires, seven vehicle accidents, six trash fires, four grass fires, and one vehicle fire. Damages for the month totaled \$50,450.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ The Federal Aviation Administration has launched an investigation after an air traffic controller accidentally told a pilot to turn the wrong way, sending the Boeing 777 dangerously close to Southern California's largest mountain range.

◆ Authorities believe the Berlin truck attacker is still in the country and warn that the suspect is likely armed. Germany's Interior Ministry confirmed that the suspect has been identified as a 24-year-old Tunisian man.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Municipal Building and Public Works Department will be closed this Friday and next Monday for the Christmas holiday. The Recycling Center and Animal Shelter will be closed Friday, Saturday, and Monday. Friday's residential garbage route will be picked up on Thursday, Dec. 22nd. Monday's route will be picked up next Tuesday, Dec. 27th.

✓ The McMinn County Health Department will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 26th and 27th, for Christmas.

✓ If you plan to pay your county property taxes before the end of the year, be aware that the McMinn County Trustee's Office will be closed today, Friday, and Monday for Christmas.

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WEATHER
Thursday - Mostly sunny. High 52. Light winds.
Thu Night - Partly cloudy. Low 27. Winds 5-10 mph.
Friday - Mostly cloudy. High 55. Winds 5-10 mph.
Saturday - Cloudy. 70% rain before 4 p.m. High 52.
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Better Check Your Chimneys!

The Etowah and Englewood Rural Fire Departments responded this past Saturday morning to a chimney fire at a residence on County Road 461. In the photo are Etowah Rural firefighters Mike King and Cody Sullender, along with Englewood firefighter Kansas Casteel. Etowah Chief Brandon Frost was in charge of the scene. He reminds everyone since the winter season is here to please have your chimney inspected and cleaned before using it. Santa will appreciate a clean chimney as well.



(Photo by Lynn Ingram with the Englewood Rural Fire Department)

Obituaries

- **Billie Ross Irons**, age 78, of Niota, died Monday at UT Medical Center. A committal service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Pond Hill Baptist Church Cemetery. Serenity Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
- **Marcy Long**, age 53, of Englewood, died last Saturday at UT Medical Center. A private family service will be held at a later date. Serenity Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Wednesday's Market Report: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 32.66 at 19,941.96. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 5.58 at 2,265.18, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 12.51 at 5,471.43.

- ◆ **MORE COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**
- ✓ If you have been affected by the recent storms and need financial assistance, visit the United Way's website for a Storm Relief Fund Application: www.uwmcminn-meigs.com Just click on the Storm Relief Fund Application button on the home page, complete the application, and return it to the Tornado Relief Center at the former American Bedding warehouse at 276 Dennis Street. If you have any questions, call the United Way office at 745-9606.
 - ✓ The Community Resource Agency of McMinn is needing volunteers to man its emergency shelter at the Church of Jesus Christ on Hammerhill Road. Shelter hosts, meal coordinators, and an experienced shelter coordinator are needed. Call 507-3875 if you are willing to volunteer.

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